### Nope, you likely didn't win that free vacation stay

Scammers use popular summer events, such as concerts and traveling, to trick you. In Money

### Radcliffe dreads saying goodbye to 'Merrily' cast

**USA TODAY** 

THE NATION'S NEWS | \$3 | MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

Broadway production was more than a show to him, Jonathan Groff, Lindsay Mendez. In Life



SUSAN MULLANE/ USA TODAY SPORTS

### Alcaraz rallies to win his first **French Open**

Spaniard continues his country's dominance of Roland Garros, defeating No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev of Germany in five sets. In Sports

**ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR** 

# Hamas: Over 270 killed in Israeli raid



Palestinian children search through rubble of their home Sunday, a day after an Israeli raid rescuing hostages. An Israeli official dismissed a Hamas statement that three hostages were killed during the raid. EYAD BABA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Hostage rescue freeing 4 is decried as massacre

**John Bacon USA TODAY** 

Militant-held Israeli hostages were among the more than 270 people killed in the raid that freed four captives and has been lauded as heroic in Israel but described as a massacre across much of the Middle East, Hamas officials said Sunday.

As Israel celebrated the hostage rescue Sunday, the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was shaken by the resignation of wartime Cabinet minister Benny Gantz, adding instability to Netanyahu's already fragile ruling coalition. The popular former military leader called on Netanyahu to set an autumn election date.

Gantz's resignation removes the only centrist from Netanyahu's conservative coalition. Far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir demanded Gantz's Cabinet seat immediately after the resignation was announced.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid called Gantz's decision "important and just." He called for replacing the "extreme and promiscuous government with a sane government" that will secure the return of the hostages, repair Israel's economy and

See RAID, Page 3A

# **Flamingos** being seen as Cape Cod

Birdwatchers tickled pink over unusual occurrence

**Dinah Voyles Pulver** USA TODAY

It's the height of the season in the Hamptons, but a flamingo sighting may be the summer's main event.

The Hamptons are just one of more than a dozen locations seeing flamingos in recent weeks along the East and Gulf coasts, including on Cape Cod.

More than 100 flamingos arrived with the winds of Hurricane Idalia last August. They were seen in 18 states from Florida to Wisconsin and as far west as Kansas and Texas. Avian scientists weren't quite sure what would happen next.

Some birds returned to the Yucatan Peninsula, but many lingered in Florida over the winter. Now that summer is approaching, the birds appear to be surprising scientists by wandering

In New York, Tim Healy drove two

See FLAMINGOS, Page 2A



A flamingo thrilled New York birders when it appeared in Georgica Pond in East Hampton, N.Y., on June 1. PROVIDED BY DAN FIORE/GHOSTWALKING PHOTOGRAPHY





**HOME DELIVERY** 1-800-872-0001, USATODAYSERVICE.COM

# Vietnamese American as far north aims for House history



Candidate Derek Tran, D-Calif., listens to community leaders during a meeting in the Little Saigon area of Orange County. Little Saigon has never been represented by a Vietnamese American in federal office. ROBERT HANASHIRO/USA TODAY

Democrat Derek Tran canvasses Little Saigon in his effort to flip Southern California seat

"I take a lot of pride in their excitement about my race. ... They're appreciative and they are just happy to have someone ... able to possibly give us a voice in Congress."

**Derek Tran** On support he's getting from Vietnamese Americans

Ken Tran USA TODAY

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - On a cloudy recent holiday morning, as dozens of people who served in the South Vietnamese army mingled after honoring the memories of those who died in the Vietnam War, one veteran called out to his friends to "meet Derek!" • That would be Derek Tran, a micro-celebrity of sorts in Southern California's Vietnamese community who posed for Memorial Day selfies and shook hands with people interested in meeting the Democratic candidate for an Orange County-based U.S. House seat that his party sees as a critical part of its pathway to winning back the majority in November. The area he's running to represent is home to Little Saigon, a district with one of the largest Vietnamese populations outside of Vietnam itself.

Despite that claim to fame, Southern California's Little Saigon has never been represented by a Vietnamese American in federal of-

"It's weird. It's not something I'm used to," Tran, who is Vietnamese, told USA TODAY of his newfound popularity as he made his way around a local park that features two towering statues of American and South Vietnamese soldiers standing side by side, flanked by their respective flags.

"But I take a lot of pride in their excitement about my race, so I take it as it comes," he added. "They're appreciative and they are just happy to have someone ... that's going to be able to possibly give us a voice in Congress."

Tran, a 43-year-old political newcomer who previously worked as a lawyer for personal injury and discrimination cases and served in the U.S. Army, is running a campaign in

See DEREK TRAN, Page 4A

# Study: Divide on cultural issues widens

### Polarization has grown over the last two decades

**Terry Collins** 

**USA TODAY** 

The split among American voters on cultural issues is arguably the widest it has been in decades, according to a new study by the Pew Research Center.

The study clearly shows that supporters of President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump have deeply divided views when it comes to matters of immigration, reproductive rights, crime, and gun control.

Overall, nearly 60% of registered voters Pew surveyed think undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S. should be allowed to stay in the country legally. Yet about 32% of Trump supporters share those sentiments, compared with 85% of those who back Biden, according to the study released midday Thursday.

Meanwhile, 63% of Trump supporters say there should be a larger national effort to deport undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S. compared with only 11% of Biden supporters. The Pew survey of 8,709 Americans, including 7,166 registered voters, was conducted in April.

"That divide is quite large, and for the Republicans, that response has grown in recent years," said Jocelyn Kiley, Pew's associate director of research. "It shows a pattern of consistency for the party on that topic."

In 2020, 54% of Republicans and Republican-leaning voters had said undocument immigrants should not be allowed to stay in the country. Now that figure is up to roughly 66%, she said.

### **Divisiveness has grown** in the past two decades

Pew's study comes at a time with about five months until Election Day, with Biden and Trump still in a proverbial dead heat for the presidency, 37% to 37%, followed by independent candidate Robert F. Kennedy with 8% according to the latest USA TODAY/Suffolk University National Poll. The poll indicates possibly the closest and the most politically charged and polarizing contest in U.S. history.

Kiley, whose research focuses on political polarization, said the divides on values began to emerge in the early 2000s and accelerated through then-President George W. Bush's administration. The polarization surged into President Barack Obama's second term and has continued over the last eight years during both Trump's and Biden's tenures.



Voters who support U.S. President Joe Biden, left, here in Las Vegas in March, and former President Donald Trump, pictured in New Hampshire in January, are deeply divided on many key issues, a new Pew study shows.

KEVIN LAMARQUE AND ELIZABETH FRANTZ/REUTERS

"The 2024 election will take place at a time when the two parties are so different on almost every dimension you can think of," Kiley said. "The fact that the differences have widened really indicates these deep and now enduring cultural divides."

Global political strategist Louis Perron, who was not involved in the recent poll, has said the U.S. has been highly partisan for the past decade.

"If you are a diehard Trump voter, there will be little that can change your mind, even a criminal conviction," said Perron, author of the 2024 book, "Beat the Incumbent: Proven Strategies and Tactics to Win Elections." "If you are a diehard Biden voter, it's the same thing. Everything is so looked at through a partisan lens these days."

### Beliefs vary sharply on reproductive rights

Nearly two years after the Supreme Court overturned the federal decision that made abortion legal nationwide, supporters of the presidential candidates still differ sharply on reproductive rights, the Pew study showed.

About 88% of Biden backers believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases, while 38% who support Trump hold those viewpoints, the study said.

Meanwhile, the study found that the vast majority who support both candidates say the mass availability of birth control pills, access to in vitro fertilization (IVF), condoms and other contraceptive devices is "good for society." About 80% of voters surveyed say this is very or somewhat good for society, 13% view it as neither good nor bad, and 7%

On Wednesday, Senate Republicans blocked the advancement of a bill that would codify the nationwide right to contraception after Republicans argued the legislation was unnecessary.

Based on the findings, Kiley said, in addition to the divisiveness over immigration, the ongoing debate on abortion rights will "potentially play out" in this fall's election.

'They're already shaping up to be two of the most important issues as those dvnamics will matter come Election Day in November," Kiley said.

As far as women's progress in America, nearly three-quarters of Biden supporters (73%) believe there are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women to get ahead compared with

Trump supporters seemingly have the opposite view. About 70% of Trump backers believe the obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead "are now largely gone."

### Major contrast between gender identity and same-sex marriage

Regarding gender identity, 90% of Trump supporters say sex is determined at birth. However, Biden supporters appear more divided. Nearly 60% surveyed said gender can be different from sex at birth.

Just over half of Biden supporters believe more people being comfortable identifying as gay, lesbian or bisexual is good for society.

Biden supporters are more than five times as likely (57%) than Trump supporters (11%) to say the legalization of same-sex marriage is "good for society."

Conversely, about half of Trump supporters think both changes are bad for society.

About 53% think the increased comfort with people identifying as lesbian, gay or bisexual is not good for society, and 51% feel negatively about the legalization of same-sex marriage.

### **Candidates' supporters differ** on crime measures

In terms of crime, the Pew study found 61% of registered voters surveyed think the U.S. criminal justice system isn't tough enough on criminals, while 25% believe the system treats criminals about right and 13% think it's too tough.

With candidate backers, the survey showed more than 80% of Trump supporters believe the nation's criminal system is not tough enough. Biden supporters are more divided: 40% say the criminal justice system is not tough enough on criminals while about 36% think its treatment of criminals is about right and about 21% believe the system is too tough on criminals.

### **Gun rights continue to differ** among presidential supporters

As the rise of gun sales increases across the U.S., voters are divided overall on whether it's good or bad for society, the Pew Study said.

A slight majority of voters, 52% say this increase is "very" or "somewhat bad," while 22% say it is good and a quarter of voters think it is neither good nor bad, the study said.

Along presidential candidate lines, 40% of Trump supporters think the growing number of guns is a good thing for society, while 38% think it's neither good or bad compared with 21% who view the guns increase negatively.

Meanwhile, 83% of Biden supporters say the increase of guns in the U.S. is a bad thing, cutting across age, gender, race, levels of education and whether they live in cities, suburbs, or rural areas.

### On race and America's position in

Overall, about half of registered voters say white people benefit at least a fair amount from advantages in society that Black people do not have, though the share who say this is down 4 percentage points in the past two years and 8 points since 2020.

The share of voters who say white people benefit a great deal from advantages in society has decreased from 32% in 2022 to 24% today.

Two-thirds of Black voters (66%) say white people benefit a great deal from advantages in society that Black people do not have.

By comparison, about 30% of both Asian and Hispanic voters say this, along with just 16% of white voters.

In terms of the U.S.' presence as a dominant global leader, Trump supporters are about three times as likely (34%) compared with Biden supporters (12%) to say the U.S. stands above all other countries.

Meanwhile, Biden supporters are about twice as likely (27%) to say other countries are better than the U.S. compared with Trump supporters (13%).

## **Flamingos**

Continued from Page 1A

hours from his home in Queens before dawn on June 1, after hearing about the rare sighting of a flamingo in East Hampton on Long Island. When he and a friend arrived, as they were discussing plans to find the bird, Healy turned toward the beach.

'This thing is flying in from the west dramatically, perfectly illuminated in the sunlight," a cause for celebration among the couple of dozen birders gathered to see it, Healy said. "It was absolutely incredible."

### Idalia's surprising delivery

Experts say Idalia likely brought the pink, leggy birds over from the huge colonies in conservation areas on the Yucatan Peninsula, a theory at least partly confirmed by bands found on flamingos in Florida that were traced back to flamingo chicks in Yucatan.

Then over the winter, one of the banded birds seen in the Florida Keys after Idalia was spotted again in Yucatan, said Jerry Lorenz, Audubon Florida's state director of research, based at the Everglades Science Center.

The birds fly back and forth between Mexico, Cuba and South Florida. But although they fly over Florida, no nesting has been documented in that state in decades, even though sightings have increased since 1990. Lorenz and others hope that may change with this latest influx of birds.

In February, he coordinated an effort to count the flamingos in Florida. They found 101 wild flamingos.

In May, a flock as big as 10 birds was reported at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge on the east coast. A flock of 12 was seen at Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Southwest Florida's Sanibel Island and a flock of 43 was reported in the Everglades, according to eBird.org, an online database for bird observations by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon.

Now that temperatures are warming, Lorenz thinks some of the birds that overwintered in Florida are beginning to explore. In recent weeks, a flock of five flamingos was seen near St. Simons Island, Georgia. In addition to the bird on Long Island, and sightings in Cape Cod, sightings also have been reported elsewhere.

Among the recent sightings reported

- One bird in the Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, South Carolina.
- A single bird in and around Port Aransas, Texas.
- A single bird in Pascagoula Beach,
- A group of three flamingos in Dauphin Island, Alabama, in April.

### What about the flamingo sightings in New York and Cape

"It could just be one of those birds that's gone into wandering mode somehow," said Mark Faherty, science coordinator with Mass Audubon at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary on Cape

The Massachusetts flamingo sighting was in Dennis on the afternoon of June 2. It hasn't been reported again. On June 5, a flurry of flamingo sightings were reported west of the Hamptons on Long Island.

If the sightings are confirmed as wild birds, it would be the first wild flamingos in New York and Massachusetts. "That Idalia event where all those flamingos were deposited all over lends credibility" to the sightings being a wild flamingo, Faherty said.

Healy is a member of New York's state avian records committee, which he said will have the final say over whether the Long Island flamingo is officially considered the state's first wild member of the species. One unconfirmed bird was reported along the Hudson River last year among the other sightings along the East Coast, but there was no photo and the sighting couldn't be documented.

Healy now wonders if any of a few sightings last century that were considered escapes could really have been wild birds. It's only now with technology and a proliferation of cameras and communication tools that can so easily document bird sightings, he said, that scientists are beginning to understand how flamingos have a capacity to wander long distances.

### Was the same flamingo seen on Cape Cod and Long Island?

They can't say for sure, but Healy and Faherty suspect it may have been the same young bird.

"It's not that far between Long Island and Cape Cod, about 114 miles," Faherty

Each time, the bird photographed had similar pinkish, gray plumage, indicating the bird was not a juvenile, but not quite an adult either, said Healy, a high school biology teacher.

It's not ironclad, but none of the birds were seen concurrently and all the sightings reported so far were within about 200 miles, Healy said.

For New York birders, who were disappointed their state missed out on the wandering flamingos immediately after Idalia, the sightings on Long Island were

Healy's trip to Long Island Saturday was "well worth it," he said. "I've seen no shortage of incredible and unexpected birds. Just to get to see a flamingo on Long Island, it was absolutely spectac-

### **USA TODAY**

Volume 42, No. 188

### **Customer service**

To view important information related to your sub $scription, \ visit\ \textbf{aboutyour subscription.} \textbf{usatoday.} \textbf{com}.$ You can also manage your subscription at account.us atoday.com.

Contact USA TODAY for questions or to report issues call 1-800-872-0001.

Operating hours are: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. EST

### Available subscriptions

Subscribe and save today by visiting subscribe. usatoday.com. The subscription below is billed monthly and includes 24/7 access to usatoday .com, breaking news on our tablet and smartphone apps, subscriber benefits at usatoday.com/ subscriberguide and the eNewspaper, a digital replica of the print edition.

 Delivery of the Monday through Friday print editions: \$34.00

\*Plus applicable taxes

### Contact us

**Customer Service** . .. 1-800-872-0001 .....703-854-3400, ext. 5 Classified advertising .... National, regional advertising ....... 703-854-3400

### **Corrections and clarifications**

Our goal is to promptly correct errors. Contact Standards Editor Michael McCarter at accuracy@ usatoday.com to report a mistake. Describe the error, where you saw it, the date, page number or

### **Postal information** USA TODAY, ISSN 0734-7456, is published daily

1387, Fort Smith, AR 72902.

except for Saturday, Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving (Observed), Christmas (Observed) and New Years Day (Observed), by Gannett Media Corp, 1575 Eye Street, NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC, 20005. Periodicals Postage at Washington, DC and additional mailing offices. Postmaster: Send all UAA to CFS. (See DMM 507.1.5.2); NON-POSTAL ONE AND MILITARY FACILITIES: Please send address correc tions to USA Today, Customer Service, PO Box

# Biden visits cemetery that Trump skipped

### President honors WWI soldiers at burial ground

**Michael Collins** 

BELLEAU, France - President Joe Biden ended his five-day trip to France on Sunday by paying his respects to World War I soldiers buried in a cemetery that former President Donald Trump did not visit six years ago over weather con-

Biden and first lady Jill Biden participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial near the village of Belleau, about 60 miles northeast of Paris.

The cemetery, which sits at the foot of Belleau Wood, is the burial ground of more than 2,000 American soldiers killed during the war.

Most of them fought in the area and in the Marne valley in the summer of

The soldiers buried in the cemetery's sweeping curve include 1,800 U.S. Marines killed in the Belleau Wood.

Holding hands with the first lady, the president walked through the cemetery with hundreds of white, cross-shaped

He stood silent facing a floral wreath at the steps of the cemetery chapel Sun-

"More Americans, more Marines than lost here than any battle. The idea that I could come to Normandy and not make the short trip here to pay tribute," Biden told journalists after the ceremo-

"America showed up. America showed up to stop the Germans. America showed up make sure that they did cause it was raining. not prevail. America shows up whenever needed, just like our allies show for us," he continued.

Biden has spent much of his trip to France focusing on World War II veterans who participated in the D-Day landings in Normandy on June 6, 1944.

The Allied troops who stormed Normandy's beaches that day liberated Nazi-occupied France and "literally saved the world," Biden said Thursday during ceremonies commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

His stop at the Aisne-Marne cemetery on Sunday allowed him to also honor the sacrifices of those killed in World War I and subtly call attention to Trump's refusal to pay his respects to the war dead buried there.

Trump in 2018, during his presidency, canceled a visit to the cemetery be-

"Why should I go to that cemetery? It's filled with losers," Trump reportedly said, according to The Atlantic.

Trump also called the fallen soldiers 'suckers" and "losers," the magazine claimed.

Trump's White House denied the report and said the cemetery visit had been canceled because the rain grounded his helicopter and there wasn't enough time to close off roads for a motorcade on such short notice.

Yet Biden has mentioned the ensuing incident several times this year during campaign events as he again faces Trump in this November's election.

"To me, that is such a disqualifying assertion made by a president - 'suckers' and 'losers,' " he told reporters at Wilkes-Barre Scranton International Airport in Pennsylvania in April.

# Shopping-cart debate raises child safety issues

**Kayla Jimenez** 

**USA TODAY** 

A California mother recently set off a social media firestorm with a video defending her choice to not return shopping carts when she shops with her kids, raising troubling safety questions amid a debate about etiquette.

"I'm not getting my groceries into my car, getting my children into the car and then leaving them in the car to go return the cart," said Leslie Dobson, a TikTok creator who often posts about parenting safety and crime, in the video. Some viewers expressed the opposite view: having kids in the car doesn't excuse parents from the courtesy of returning shopping carts to the right place.

Putting aside debates about the etiquette of shopping cart returns, Dobson raises an important point that child safety experts emphatically agree about: Parents should never leave kids alone in cars – even for a minute.

"It is not a safe environment for children," said Amber Rollins, director of Kids for Car Safety. "Far too many children have been injured or killed after being left alone in a vehicle for just a minute.

But that important safety advice doesn't mean parents can't safely return their cart after shopping with their children.

### What should parents do with their cart when they're done shopping?

To safety experts such as Rollins, the priority is making sure kids remained supervised. But parents still can return their shopping cart – just bring the kids.

"When my son was little I would unload the groceries with him still in the cart, take him with me to return it, then carry him back to the car and buckle him in," she said. "With a little forward thinking parents should never have to leave their children alone in the car."

### Is leaving kids alone in a car for a short amount of time a real risk?

Parents should never leave their kids unattended in a car regardless of the child's age, the temperature outside or the neighborhood they're in, said Rol-

This year, 44 children have been abducted from cars, according to the national nonprofit Kids for Car Safety. The group documents child abductions from vehicles each year - which are typically in the hundreds.

"Babies and small children are being abducted ... when they're left alone in the backseats of vehicles while their parents hop out for just a minute to pump gas, pick up take-out food or dash back into their homes for something," reads a blog post from The National Center for Missing and Exploited Chil-

Most car thefts happen when a parent or guardian turns a blind eye to their children even for a few minutes after leaving them in a car, Rollins said. Americans don't think these incidents could happen to them or their children, she said, "but it really only takes a few seconds."

And there are other legitimate ways kids can harm themselves or set themselves up for harm unwillingly when they are left alone in vehicles.

'We don't want to play the parent shame game, but I think people truly don't understand that kids can hurt themselves in cars," Rollins said.

They can find objects in vehicles and choke themselves, find guns in vehicles and shoot them or get out of the car and risk being hit by a driver who doesn't see them, she said.

### Are there cases where a parent has left for short time and their children were abducted or hurt?

Yes. A few recent cases of child abductions include:

- Memphis, Tennessee, police found an abducted 1-year-old child in a car in late April. The mother of the child told police that her son was taken at a gas station, WREG Memphis reported.
- A 4-year-old in Southern California was abducted in a car after a man left his car running with his child inside. The case triggered an Amber Alert, the Press-Telegram reported.



Shopping carts for Hobby Lobby and HomeGoods sit in the parking lot at Freedom Town Center in North Carolina. ANDREW CRAFT/USA TODAY NETWORK

• A 3-year-old girl was in a vehicle before she went missing in Detroit and was found safe in February, The Detroit News reported.

"People tend to think as isolated incidents," Rollins said.

But these are things happening far more often than people deem to believe and to children of all ages."

### What else should parents know?

Hot days create extra risk. Dozens of kids died in hot cars last year. Two kids have died in hot cars this year, according to the Kids for Car Safety.

Parents can take extra precautions to keep their kids safe this summer and avoid a nightmare.

Officials from Kids and Car Safety advise parents to:

- Check the backs of their cars before walking away.
- Place visual reminders of the child's presence - such as the child's diaper bags or sweater - in the front seat as reminders that a child is in the car with them.
- Be mindful to set up agreements with their day care to notify them if the child doesn't show up in case a child is accidentally left in the car.
- Make sure children cannot sneak out of the house to get into cars by childproofing or adding alarms to doors leading to the outside.
- Keep keys out of reach of children at all times and keep cars locked at all times.
- Check floorboards and trunks of all cars immediately in case a child goes missing.

### Raid

Continued from Page 1A

restore Israel's international standing.

"Netanyahu is preventing us from advancing toward true victory," Gantz said at a news conference. "That is why we are leaving the emergency government today, with a heavy heart but with full confidence."

### Palestinian death toll rises in hostage raid

The Israeli operation on Saturday involved hundreds of troops and heavy air support that pounded the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Gaza's Health Ministry said Sunday that 274 Palestinians were killed in the rescue raid, up from 210 it reported on Saturday. At least 64 of the dead were children and 57 were women, the Hamasrun Gaza government media office said.

An additional 698 people were wounded. Abu Obaida, spokesman for the Hamas Al-Qassam Brigades military wing, called Saturday's raid a "complex war crime." He said three hostages were killed in the attack, including one holding a U.S. passport, a claim Israeli military spokesperson Peter Lerner said should be taken "with a pinch of salt."

"By committing horrific massacres, the enemy was able to free some of his prisoners, but at the same time, it killed some of them," Obaida said. "The operation will pose a great danger to the (remaining hostages) and will have a negative impact on their conditions and lives."

Freed captives Noa Argamani, 25; Almog Meir Jan, 21; Andrey Kozlov, 27; and Shlomi Ziv, 40, were in good health and being reunited with their families, Israeli authorities said. Lerner said they were held "in civilian homes, putting them within the civilian arena.'

Neighboring Egypt and Jordan expressed outrage at the Israeli attack, calling it a violation of international law. Lebanon's foreign ministry condemned the "massacre." Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi, secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council, called the attack "a heinous and terrorist crime that targeted defenseless innocents with brutality."

But Netanyahu remained ecstatic Sunday, saying in a social media post: "Happy is the people that is blessed with its heroes. We will continue together to do our utmost to return all of the hostages, and to achieve victory over our enemies."

Netanyahu proposed the rescue be dubbed Operation Arnon in honor of the "hero of Israel Arnon Zamora," the commander of the assault force who was the only Israeli soldier killed during the effort.

### Israeli special forces posed as Rafah refugees

Israel's operation Saturday began around 11 a.m. local time (4 a.m. EDT) and was based on "precise" intelligence that was "very complex to obtain," Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said at a news conference. Israeli troops came under fire from Hamas while the operation was taking place, he said.

Some special forces slipped into the Nuseirat refugee camp in a car with mattresses on top posing as Palestinians fleeing Rafah, according to Saudiowned Asharq news channel in a report translated by the Times of Israel. They told local residents they were escaping the Israeli attack on Rafah and would be staying in the building near a market - a building where Argamani was being held. The other freed hostages were being held in another building nearby.

The Israeli military denies reports that some Israeli special forces entered Nuseirat in humanitarian aid trucks.

Israel has now rescued a total of seven hostages since Oct. 7, when militants stormed across the Israeli border and killed about 1,200 people. Some 251 were taken hostage. Saturday's rescue was Israel's third such operation since

It's not immediately clear how Saturday's rescue will, if at all, impact negotiations between Israel and Hamas to reach a new truce connected to a hostage and prisoner release deal.

### Rafah shelters empty as refugees flee again

As Palestinians remained in shock over Saturday's death toll - the worst over a 24-hour period of the Gaza war for months, according to Palestinian medics - Israeli forces pounded central Gaza anew on Sunday, and tanks advanced farther into Rafah in an apparent bid to seal off part of the southern city, residents and Hamas media said.

Only about 100,000 of the more than 1 million residents and refugees who occupied Rafah a month ago remain in the city, according to the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees UNRWA. Rafah, on the Egyptian border, had become home to Palestinians fleeing Israeli attacks that left much of northern and central Gaza in ruins. With Israeli military operations now focused on Rafah, many Palestinians are heading back toward their destroyed communities, the agency said.

"All UNRWA shelters in Rafah have been vacated. Many of the people who were based in Rafah have fled up the coast seeking safer locations in both Khan Younis and the middle area of Gaza," UNRWA said in a statement.

*Contributing: Reuters* 

Derek Tran visits the nonprofit

### **Derek Tran**

Continued from Page 1A

one of the nation's few competitive House races in the upcoming elections that will determine which party will control the lower chamber and play a major role in shaping or killing the agenda for the White House winner. Highlighting the competitiveness of Tran's race, it's one of the handful of districts that President Joe Biden won in the 2020 election but is held by a Republican – Biden won there by 6 percentage points.

A key component behind Tran's campaign is his background and ability to connect with the Vietnamese population that Democrats believe no prior candidate could. The hope is that Tran can convince and turn out those voters during a presidential election cycle where Biden will be at the top of the ticket in one of the nation's deepest blue states.

Whether Tran could capture those voters is essential to flipping the seat as he faces an uphill battle against two-term GOP incumbent Michelle Steel, a 68-year-old Korean American who is well established in local politics and one of the GOP's strongest fundraisers among vulnerable members, boasting a massive campaign war chest. Though it was just a few days after Tran's primary victory, at the end of March, Steel reported \$3.2 million cash on hand compared with Tran's near \$200,000.

Not only that, Steel's campaign has capitalized on the Vietnamese community's GOP leanings before. She's already built a strong grassroots operation for voter outreach across the whole district that helped her win reelection in 2022, along with controversial messaging points that critics have decried as "red-baiting" to inflame fears of communism among Vietnamese voters.

Lance Trover, a spokesperson for Steel's campaign, noted the race is about more than just the Vietnamese population in the district and said in a statement to USA TODAY that "Southern Californians of all ethnicities know who they can trust which is why they keep electing Michelle Steel."

Despite the headwinds facing Tran, his campaign is touting internal poll numbers in the district that shows the Democrat in a dead heat with Steel, trailing her by just 1 percentage point among likely voters in the district in a head-to-head matchup.

But more notably, Tran far outperforms a generic Democrat among likely Vietnamese voters. Up against Steel, Tran is 3 points behind. Underscoring the Vietnamese community's lean toward the GOP, those same voters would favor a generic, unnamed GOP candidate by 25% compared with a generic Democratic candidate.

"There is a political machine behind all this," Tran said, noting Steel's husband, Shawn Steel, is also an important figure in the California GOP. "But that doesn't slow my yearning and my ability to make sure that I beat her by out-canvassing her. I'm going to try to out-fundraise her, but she's definitely had a head start on me."

The Vietnamese community in the district runs through Little Saigon, a sprawling enclave of Vietnamese shopping centers, strip malls and restaurants built up in Orange County after hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese refugees flocked to the United States after the fall of Saigon marked the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

Driving past Carrot and Daikon Banh Mi, a local Vietnamese sandwich shop, Tran recalled asking the restaurant's owner, a Republican and current Army reservist, whether his campaign could plant signs in front of his business during the state's primaries. The owner turned them down.

But upon learning Tran was a veteran, the owner changed his mind. When California law permits – 90 days before the election day in November – those signs will again be there for the general election. "The fact that I was a veteran, he respected that, and he allowed us to use his property to place our signs, so that was cool," Tran said.

Democrats are enthused to have a candidate like Tran, whose background as the son of refugees mirrors the life of so many in Little Saigon. But his candidacy could be undercut by the fact older Vietnamese voters harbor strong feelings against communism.

Vietnamese Americans are the only Asian American demographic to skew toward the GOP, which is perceived as having a stronger stance against China and communism. A Pew Research Center survey conducted last year found that 51% of registered Vietnamese voters either identified with or lean toward the GOP compared with 42% who favor the Democrats. That's unlike other Asian American voters such as Chinese,



Truong **Buu Diep** Foundation in Garden Grove, Calif. John Nguyen, co-founder of the faith-based nonprofit, says he's going out of his way to support Tran "because of (the) relationship" he's built with the **Democratic** candidate over the years he volunteered for the foundation. **ROBERT** 

ROBERT HANASHIRO/ USA TODAY

Filipino, Indian and Korean voters.

"Don't get me wrong. There's people ... like, 'What's your party? What's your party?' "Tran said. "And I tell them I'm a Democrat and they're like: 'Oh. We can't vote for a Democrat, we're Republican.'"

Tran says at times, he can "walk them through my upbringing and why I'm running" and for some of those voters, his background resonates and he's able to persuade them. Others though, he cannot, "so we just leave it at that."

### 2022 congressional race marked by accusations of 'red-baiting'

Illustrating the visceral emotions Vietnamese Americans hold toward communism and the fear that drives some of them to the GOP, the South Vietnamese flag was seen flying across the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, as rioters besieged the building seeking to overturn the 2020 election.

The bright yellow flag bearing red horizontal stripes, commonly used as a symbol of freedom, stuck out to many in the Vietnamese community, flying alongside MAGA flags and displays of far-right symbols.

Tran is hoping to win over voters from the Vietnamese community who were appalled to see the South Vietnamese flag fly over the Capitol then.

"It was just being used inappropriately on Jan. 6. A lot of Vietnamese Americans were ashamed seeing that flag flying up like that," said Phu Do Nguyen, an attorney and board member of the Vietnamese American Democratic Club in the area supporting Tran. "That flag represents all of us, not just one faction."

Those feelings of resentment toward the regime that drove out so many who called Vietnam home still linger strongly in Little Saigon. Quan Nguyen, one of the founders of the Museum of the Republic of Vietnam, a humble one-room collection of items ranging from model warships to army uniforms to medals from the Vietnam War, described Little Saigon as the "capital of exiled Vietnamese" who are "very anti-communist."

He added the community "is very divided" by those who continue to hold such strong feelings toward the communist regime and others who, while they still yearn for the restoration of freedom in their home, don't hold such similar, intense feelings.

The political power of that sentiment was on full display in the district's last election in 2022, when Steel faced off against Democratic challenger Jay Chen. Though Chen was the son of Taiwanese immigrants, Steel's campaign tied him to the Chinese Communist Party, stoking fears in the Vietnamese community.

The attacks labeled Chen on signs as "China's choice" and Vietnamese language mailers photoshopped him in a classroom holding a copy of "The Communist Manifesto." Steel's campaign faced heavy criticism from Democrats and accusations of "red-baiting." Chen ultimately lost by less than 5 points, or a little more than 10,000 votes.

"When you're messaging particularly to a community like the Vietnamese community, which has a long history of trauma with the Communist Party, that's got to have an impact," Chen told USA TODAY, calling the attacks "blatantly racist."

"Those attacks are not going to land the same way," given Tran is Vietnamese, Chen said. "There are a lot of people in the Vietnamese community who are going to take offense to some of those attacks."

Tran echoed similar sentiments and said his background as the product of a community that fled communism and tyranny will withstand any labels the GOP tries to put on him.

"Steel is going to have a very hard time painting a son of this community as a communist because an attack on me as a Vietnamese American is an attack on my entire Vietnamese community out here," Tran said. "She needs the votes out here and she can't win this district without them."

"I dare her to attack me and call me a communist because I know my community will respond right away," Tran added

Tran's heritage already poses strong appeal to some Vietnamese voters who have longed to see a candidate that looks and speaks like them.

Tran's unique strengths to connect with the voters of Little Saigon also comes from his familiar history for many in the community. His parents were among the 2 million Vietnamese boat people who after the war desperately sought to escape Vietnam to neighboring countries. He said his father attempted to flee with his first wife and youngest children, but their boat capsized and Tran's father was the only one who survived the accident. Back in Vietnam, his father met his mother and managed to successfully flee Vietnam, later relocating to the U.S. where Tran was born.

His family history though is difficult for Tran to recount, describing it as "uncomfortable" to speak openly about and noting it's not part of his stump speech on the campaign trail: "It's not my story to tell."

### Democrats will need to do more than play up Tran's background

Tran's background will be a key defense against any attempts to tie him to communism, one political consultant for California Democrats said on the condition of anonymity to speak candidly given the high stakes of the House campaign. "It was a rough one to put it mildly," the consultant said about Steel's attacks and Chen's campaign. Come Election Day, the race is expected to be close and if Tran does win, it won't be by a large margin. Though the consultant also argued Tran's fluency and connection with the Vietnamese community offers Democrats a much stronger chance to flip the seat.

A GOP consultant working on House races, who also spoke to USA TODAY on the condition of anonymity to candidly discuss the competitive election, echoed the same sentiment and noted Steel is a familiar name for many voters in the district. The GOP consultant dismissed Tran's use of his background as more of a "talking point."

To be successful in 2024, Democrats will need to invest in outreach centers and canvass directly to voters in the entire district rather than just make a broad stroke political play solely around Tran's Vietnamese lineage, according to the GOP consultant who noted both Steel and Rep. Young Kim, another California Republican and Korean American, invested heavily in Asian American voter outreach to build strong grassroots operations that led to their election wins. Chen shared similar feelings, arguing Democrats need "to focus on the AAPI vote and not take it for granted even though AAPIs in general vote Democratic, they can't take this constituency for granted."

Whether Tran will be able match Steel's campaign operation remains "to be seen," the GOP consultant said, noting the fundraising gap between Steel and her Democratic opponent. Tran's campaign is still in the process of building a ground game akin to Steel's. The campaign arm of House Democrats, the Democratic Congressional Campaign

Committee, has begun to invest in voter contact, community outreach and organizational support for Tran's campaign.

The district's location is another headwind for Tran's campaign, given that advertising rates in the Los Angeles media market are among the most expensive in the country.

"She has good name recognition," Tuong Thang, Vietnam news director of Saigon Broadcasting Television Network, a Vietnamese language television network based out of Little Saigon, said of Steel. "A lot of people already know her," Thang added, noting her time in local politics serving on Orange County's board of supervisors.

But Thang argued that Tran is uniquely positioned to win over the Vietnamese community. Though the district also includes a sizable Korean American and Hispanic population, "the swing vote" that will decide the election is in Little Saigon, Thang said.

"To be honest, Jay's my friend, (but) he didn't make the investment in the Vietnamese community that Derek will. It's not just having surrogates here and there but really having a full on campaign in the Vietnamese community," said Phu Nguyen, a trustee on the Fountain Valley School district who is supporting Tran. "I think it was a missed opportunity for him."

Parts of the community are already planning to rally support for Tran in Little Saigon. John Nguyen, co-founder of the Truong Buu Diep Foundation, a faith-based nonprofit honoring Father Truong Buu Diep, a Vietnamese Catholic priest, said he has "to share with everyone about how good he is."

The Truong Buu Diep Foundation, where people from any faith can stop by to pray, offers various free walk-in resources for local residents who may need assistance navigating federal government programs such as Social Security and Medicare. For a few years, Tran would offer his own legal knowledge to help those who needed advice on personal and family legal issues.

Those resources are critical for the community, Nguyen said, since "most of them, they don't know (how to) speak English and they need help from people who have licenses and knowledge."

Nguyen says he's going out of his way to support Tran "because of (the) relationship" he's built with the Democratic candidate over the years he volunteered for the foundation. When he learned Tran was running for Congress, Nguyen thought that he and his foundation had "to support him totally."

"I do feel inspired when I hear them talk" about him and his campaign, Tran said. "But I also feel the burden that they put on me. It would be very hard to face them should I lose this election."

Whether Nguyen and other community members' support will be enough for Tran and Democrats to flip the seat and give Little Saigon its first Vietnamese representative in Congress is uncertain. For now though, just having a candidate in the first place, almost 50 years after the fall of Saigon, is already an achievement.

Back in Westminster Memorial Park, where Tran and the rest of the attendees moved the Memorial Day processions to plant incense and South Vietnamese flags to honor 81 unknown Vietnamese airmen, a few local Vietnamese language reporters stood by, waiting to interview Tran. After the processions, Tran made himself readily available for any of their questions. He answered in both English and Vietnamese.

"Handsome guy!" one of the local news network reporters quipped, making sure to get a picture with the potentially history-making Democratic candidate after their interview.

# **Just Curious**

You've got questions? We've got answers.



### Learn more

Scan the QR code to find more Just Curious content.

# Learn before you lather the sunscreen

### It does expire and can be used for up to three years

**Olivia Munson** 

**USA TODAY** 

No matter the season, it's important to protect yourself - and your skin from the sun's ultraviolet rays. This is especially crucial during the warmer months. Whether you're hitting the beach or sunbathing in the backyard, you should take the necessary steps to prevent sunburn and other skin dam-

One way to protect yourself is to apply sunscreen. But before you grab the bottle from the back of the pantry, you should check if it's still good. Like other topical products, sunscreen expires.

With summer and outdoor activities quickly approaching, here are tips to keep in mind when it comes to sun-

### Does sunscreen expire?

Sunscreen does have an expiration date.

Based on FDA regulations, sunscreen is required to have an expiration date unless testing by manufacturers can guarantee its longevity and stability past three years. Most sunscreen will have an expiration date listed on its packaging.

### How long does sunscreen last?

If your sunscreen does not have a listed expiration date, the shelf life is typically three years post-purchase, according to the Food and Drug Administra-

Write the purchase date on any sunscreen without a listed expiration date.







Shelf life for sunscreen typically is three years post-purchase. PROVIDED BY REVIEWED/LA ROCHE-POSAY/NEUTROGENA/E.L.F. COSMETICS

You can continue using it until the three-year mark. The sunscreen should then be discarded since it is no longer guaranteed to be fully effective or usable, the FDA reports.

Store sunscreen away from excessive heat and direct sunlight, according to the Mayo Clinic. When bringing sunscreen outside, be sure to keep it in the shade or wrapped in a towel.

You should throw away sunscreen if it has changed consistency or has drastic changes in color, the Mayo Clinic

### How does sunscreen work?

Sunscreen's active ingredients prevent the sun's UV rays from penetrating your skin, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. Minerals - such as titanium dioxide and zinc oxide – help block the rays, while other ingredients – such as avobenzone and octisalate - absorb UV before it can harm the skin.

A sunscreen's SPF, or sun protection factor, determines how long it will take for the sun's rays to affect your skin when applied in comparison to bare

skin, the FDA reports. The higher the SPF, the more protection you have.

If you plan on being outside for prolonged periods, it is recommended to use SPF 30 or higher, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation.

As a general rule, you should reapply every two hours, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. Even with waterproof or water-resistant sunscreen, it is important to reapply since no sunscreen is entirely waterproof. You also should reapply immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

# Thick, Full, Youthful Looking Hair Means Better Looks, More Confidence, More Fun

Clinical study shows this new hair loss breakthrough can help both men and women enjoy a thick, full head of hair



**SENSATIONAL HAIR BREAKTHROUGH: A** thick, full-looking head of real hair is finally

merica's top anti-aging specialist, ADr. Al Sears, recently discovered a game-changing nutrient that's giving men and women a next-level boost in confidence thanks to the groundbreaking power of plant stem cells.

For decades Dr. Sears has stayed at the forefront of anti-aging technology. And he uncovered this exciting solution to thin, dull, lifeless hair while researching a unique nutrient called malus domestica. Extracted from one type of rare apple, found only in Switzerland, it produces a powerful form of plant stem cells shown to help give a once sad-looking scalp a total transformation.

Introducing Re-Nourish, an exciting new solution that harnesses the power of plant stem cells to help men and women go...

### "From Grandparent to Gorgeous" in a Matter of Weeks

"When you look at a crisp, shiny, red apple or a lush, vibrant rose in bloom, there's absolutely no way to tell if the plant that produced them is five years old or 105 years old," says Dr. Sears, "And that's because plants produce these powerful stem cells that ensure that year after year their fruit and flowers look just as ageless as they ever

Dr. Sears told us he's able to tap into the power of those plant cells so Re-Nourish could offer that same lush, vibrant, ageless appearance for millions of men and women who are tired of their dull, withered-looking

### The Dawn of a New Era in **Naturally Luxurious Hair**

Dr. Sears couldn't be more excited about the many benefits of natural plant stem cells and the hope they offer for our future. And this naturally inspired plant-based approach makes Re-Nourish a unique and powerful breakthrough that's not only creating remarkable results...

But the men and women who've had a chance to try it are spellbound.

Like April W. who had been grappling with a sad, scraggly, confidence-crushing head of hair, "Conditioning treatments, vitamins, fancy blow dryers, special wet brushes and other expensive solutions never helped," But then she tried Re-Nourish, 'I'm seeing noticeable results with my hair thickness and length!"

John S. said he's had better-than-expected results. So, when he sat in the barber's chair, he was pleasantly surprised "My barber that I have been going to for years noticed, and I didn't tell him I was using the product Re-Nourish!!" he continued "My hair feels and looks much fuller. That's all the evidence I need to know that this product is legitimate and useful — Great product."

And Elizabeth B. from West Palm Beach told us, "I was worried that it would leave my fine, light hair feeling heavy or looking greasy, but it hasn't done either. It also has a lovely natural botanical smell!"

For men and women with dull, thinning, or receding hairlines, Re-Nourish offers a new, exciting, and extremely easy way to achieve the appearance of a full, healthylooking head of hair without expensive treatments and from the comfort and privacy of your own home.

### The Secret Sauce **Behind Re-Nourish**

What sets Re-Nourish apart? Well, in addition to malus domestica, Re-Nourish harnesses the power of targeted botanicals like the legendary Burdock Root. Rich in anti-

oxidants and used for centuries for radiant diance, demand is so high the company is skin and luxurious-looking hair, Burdock was a must-have for a product like Re-

Another secret to **Re-Nourish's** incredible success is Rosemary. Extracts of this aromatic, evergreen shrub are well-researched for their anti-aging properties. Making it an exciting addition to Re-Nourish's unique, naturally inspired formula.

While Black Cumin, known for its beautiful white and purple flowers, has been used for thousands of years to support the appearance of thick healthy hair, it was also added to the formula for its natural moisturizing properties.

These thoughtfully selected ingredients are combined with a targeted array of antioxidant vitamins and vital minerals for a revolutionary experience that's safe, easy to use, and naturally inspired. With a pleasant scent that doesn't linger and won't leave your scalp itchy, flaky, greasy, or uncom-

### Now It's Your Turn for **Gorgeous Looking Hair**

You could be just weeks away from having the appearance of such thick, luscious hair - the kind of hair you just can't help but run your fingers through. Feeling confident, vibrant, self-assured, and youthful. So, get ready for the admiring glances and compliments. Because that's the power of Re-Nourish.

It doesn't just mean soft, lush, luxuriant hair. It can transform your life, boost your self-esteem, supercharge your confidence - and it comes as no surprise that surveys show men and women alike prefer the look of a dense, silky, head of hair.

It's really no wonder that Re-Nourish is quickly gaining popularity. It's making waves in the industry and creating a buzz among those who are fed up with a sparse, limp, wispy head of hair.

And because Re-Nourish is only available through Dr. Sears' partners at Pure Rahaving a tough time keeping up. Stocks are running out faster than they can be replen-

And that's probably because Dr. Sears is currently offering readers a risk-free trial of Re-Nourish.



### How to Get ReNourish

"It's not available in retail stores yet," says Dr. Sears. The reason? Dr. Sears doesn't want profit-driven third-party retailers raising the price on a unique, revolutionary product that has the power to truly transform people's lives.

"Plant stem cells offer so many exciting benefits for our future. But right now, there's nothing like this available anywhere else. And that's why we want to keep Re-Nourish affordable for anyone who wants to try it. And this way not only can we ship directly to the customer, but we're also able to get their orders in the mail within 24 hours." And for the outliers who still feel skeptical, Dr. Sears is backing every order with a risk-free, 100% money-back guaran-

To take advantage of this special offer, simply call the Sears Toll-Free Health Hotline at 1-800-925-6004 now. Use Promo Code **USAREN30** when you call.

[EDITOR'S NOTE]: Due to recent media exposure for **Re-Nourish**, Pure Radiance is experiencing unprecedented demand. If the phone line is busy when you call, please try again to avoid missing this exclusive onetime-only offer.

THESE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN EVALUATED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED TO DIAGNOSE, TREAT, CURE OR PREVENT ANY DISEASE. RESULTS MAY VARY. 8

# Vaccines take a shot in fighting cancer

### Progress is being made, but 'science takes time'

**Karen Weintraub** 

Watching his brother slowly die was enough to convince Filko Prugo he didn't want to go the same way. He was willing to do whatever he could to ensure his three children would avoid that

So, among other things, the New York City resident volunteered for a research trial, testing an experimental vaccine for people like him, who carry an extra genetic risk for certain cancers.

If all goes as hoped, the vaccine, which he received four times, will keep him from developing prostate, breast or pancreatic cancer.

As a trial participant, he also is being monitored carefully for the two years of the trial, so any tumors that do develop will be caught early when they are likely to be the most survivable.

If the vaccine works and doesn't cause other safety problems - and so far, it hasn't - it will be tested in more people and over longer periods. In the meantime, vaccines that help prevent cancer recurrences are progressing with an advance in melanoma vaccines announced on Monday.

Long-term, the vision is to prevent nearly all cancers, a Holy Grail that researcher Dr. Susan Domchek and others have been working toward for decades. She says it will likely take decades more to achieve fully.

"I believe in what we're doing, but I also recognize what's needed to get from A to Z," said Domchek, a breast cancer specialist at Penn Medicine in Philadelphia.

She says the project is about at letter K right now – nearly midway through the development process. "What can be frustrating to patients is: Science takes time."

### **Different types of cancer vaccines**

Cancer vaccines have been a dream for nearly as long as there have been vaccines.

The only ones readily available today are those that block cancer-causing viruses. For example, the HPV vaccine against human papillomavirus, given to children starting at 9, is extremely effective at preventing cervical cancer, some head and neck and other cancers in

A different type of cancer vaccine is being tested in patients who already have cancer – though it's probably still a handful of years away from the first federal approvals.

A key reason mRNA vaccines were ready to go so quickly against COVID-19 was that they already were being developed against cancer. By then, researchers had realized the most effective nearterm use of a vaccine was probably to stop cancer from recurring, rather than to prevent it from happening at all.

They also realized after years of failures that vaccines alone weren't enough to block a recurrence. But by pairing a vaccine with other treatments, they could make a profound difference in a patient's care.

On Monday, as part of the annual American Society of Clinical Oncology conference in Chicago, Merck and Moderna released information about a cancer vaccine they are jointly developing.

The new data in patients with advanced melanoma, a type of skin cancer, shows that three years after receiving a vaccine, along with taking a Merck immunotherapy called Keytruda, 89% of patients remain free of metastatic growth. Of patients who receive Keytruda alone, 68% remain free of metastases at three years, showing the vaccine provides substantial benefit.

"This is the promise," said Dr. Marjorie Green, senior vice president of oncology global clinical development with Merck.

The great challenge with these vac-



cines to prevent recurrences is that - at least for now – they must be personalized. Each vaccine has to be tailored to each person's tumor.

Because cancer cells are a person's own cells that have figured out how

to grow and divide undetected, they are difficult for the immune system to recognize as "foreign" and root out.

But also, because they divide so often they typically have changes that are not present in normal cells. It's these changes, so-called neoantigens on the surface of the cells that can act as flags to identify cancer cells, Green explained. Cancer vaccines are designed



Filko Prugo, right, and his family. He carries the BRCA2 cancer mutation that increases his risk for several cancers, which is why he volunteered to test an experimental cancer vaccine. PROVIDED BY KATE MELCONIAN

to get the immune system to recognize the neoantigens present within a person's own tumor cells and attack them.

The combination of the vaccine, along with Keytruda fires up the immune system and enables it to wipe out tumor cells throughout the body, she

The two companies are launching a larger trial of the same approach in melanoma and are also testing the same approach in non-small-cell lung cancer.

Others are testing a similar type of vaccine in head and neck cancers and colon cancer, though all these vaccines are expected to be years away from ap-

"This is such a fun time to be an oncologist," Green said. "If you have to have this horrible diagnosis, we're so much in a better place now than we were 20 years ago."

### So close, but not close enough for everyone

Even with this type of cancer vaccine, though, challenges remain.

Dr. Corey Casper, a cancer and infectious disease expert in Seattle, said he worries that rare and pediatric cancers are being left behind by large commer-

cial efforts such as Merck's and Moderna's.



Of the 200 cancer drugs approved over the past few years, only three or four were for pediatric cancers, said Casper, who also is president and CEO of Access to Ad-

vanced Health Institute, a nonprofit biotech firm in Seattle. He wants the federal government to support cancer vaccine development for children and young people with cancer, so they'll be able to benefit from the advances, too.

"I think the kids need a hand. Parents need a hand," he said. "If the government helps de-risk that, in pediatric cancers, we'll make rapid leaps and bounds."

He's haunted, he said, by a patient recently referred to him, a 21-year-old woman named Zoe who has already been coping with aggressive ovarian cancer for three years.

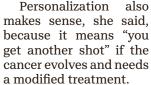
She wasn't eligible for clinical trials for immunotherapy, so she's now "battling cancer in the final stages of her life," Casper said. "We know the technology can be there, but we just can't avail it to every patient who needs it. That breaks my heart."

One hope, he said, is that researchers will be able to identify a limited number of neoantigens that are most likely to be present in most cancers and create a ready-made "library" of these.

Then, once a patient's tumor is analyzed, a personalized selection can be made from this library and the vaccine cam be mixed practically at their bedside and rapidly delivered.

The personalization makes a lot of sense, said Dr. Catherine Wu, a medical oncologist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston. Cancer cells have lots of unique mutations and a personalized

vaccine can help target each cancer's distinctive features.



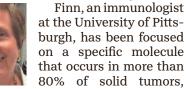
The involvement of big companies such as Merck and Moderna in cancer vaccines makes Wu optimistic that they will figure out a way to make these treatments feasible and more affordable over time. The cost of preventing cancer from recurring should offset the cost of these vaccines, Wu said.

Many questions remain unanswered about these types of vaccines, though, like what are the best neoantigens to target; how to trigger the right amount of immune reaction, but not too much; and whether to use mRNA technology, an older vaccine technology or both, said Robert Schreiber, a tumor immunologist and director of the Washington University School of Medicine Bursky Center for Human Immunology and Immunotherapy in St. Louis.

Still, "if I'm a patient and I've failed all other kinds of therapies and someone offers me a personalized therapy, I'm going to go for it," Schreiber said.

### **Decades to prevent cancer** from gaining a foothold

Olivera Finn has been working for four decades on a vaccine to stop cancer



Finn

burgh, has been focused on a specific molecule that occurs in more than 80% of solid tumors,

from ever taking hold.

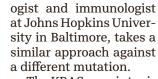
called MUC1. She currently i stesting a vaccine in people who have highrisk polyps removed during colonoscopies. By vaccinating them after the polyp has been removed and following them, she hopes to prevent them from developing colon cancer. "If you show immunity, safety and efficacy in this setting, the same can be expected in other precancer settings," she said.

She also is trying the same approach in women diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ, or DCIS, a precancerous condition that puts them at high risk for breast cancer. Eventually, she hopes her approach will enable them to avoid sur-

In the trials, she gives two shots two weeks apart to prime the immune system, a third two months later to boost it, plus a fourth at a year. She's not sure yet whether people will need another booster at 10 years or another time in-

But if tumor cells start to grow later, Finn said, those cells should act as their own booster.

Dr. Elizabeth Jaffee, a medical oncol-



The KRAS gene is typically the first to mutate in the cascade of genetic changes to cause many

different types of solid tumors. Pancreatic cancer, Jaffee's specialty, would not happen for instance, if the KRAS gene didn't mutate.

Jaffee

She's currently testing a KRAS-targeted vaccine in people at high risk for pancreatic cancer. Her first patients were vaccinated about a year ago and are still making an immune response, suggesting their bodies would still fight off cancer cells, she said.

Finn has shown that a vaccine approach may not work to prevent lung cancers in heavy smokers because of the damage to the immune system. It must either catch them earlier in their smoking history or something else needs to be used to prevent cancer in those individuals, she said.

And even the best cancer vaccine won't stop every cancer, just as the flu vaccine doesn't stop every infection, Finn said. But ideally, it will reduce the risk and "keep it at bay as long as pos-

### Changing the path of disease, one person at a time

Prugo, the New Yorker who has been in a vaccine trial, knows it's going to be a very long time before a vaccine will be able to prevent nearly all tumors or even those caused by inherited mutations like his own.

But he says it'll never happen if people like him don't volunteer for research

"Getting involved in clinical trials is of the utmost importance if we want to change the trajectory of difficult-totreat diseases," he said.

Prugo carries the BRCA2 (for BReast CAncer gene 2) mutation, which increases the risk for several cancers, including breast cancer. Typical men have less than a 0.1% chance of developing breast cancer over their lifetime, but men with the BRCA2 mutation have as much as a 10% chance - 100 times high-

After watching his brother die of breast cancer, Prugo had surgery to remove his breast tissue, dramatically reducing the risk. "As a male, there's just less associated with male breasts," he said. "Honestly, it was an easy decision."

His father had already died of cancer, likely not connected to BRCA2, but an uncle who died of cancer years ago may have had a BRCA2-related disease, he

After watching so many people close to him endure ultimately futile treatment, Prugo gave up a lucrative career as a lawyer working with the biotechnology industry.

In his late 40s, he began studying for a doctorate at Columbia University, researching how the BRCA2 mutation leads to pancreatic cancer in mice.

His salary is a fraction of what it once was. But he says it doesn't matter.

"When you see your dad die of cancer and the suffering I saw my brother go through – it was horrific," he said. Plus, he knew his future would likely be the same. "When you stare that reality in the face, you realize how unimportant money is.

What matters more, he said, is what he's doing to help others with cancer now or who might develop it.

"This way, I can always look back and say I tried. I tried for myself and I tried for my kids," Prugo said. "What else can we do in life?"

### WANT TO COMMENT?

We're on Facebook (USA TODAY Opinion) and Instagram and X, formerly Twitter (@usatodayopinion). You can also comment directly on columns

# In fight against opioids, close the gap



**Dr. Jerome Adams** 

As the former surgeon general of the United States and a Black man, I feel compelled to tell Congress: Black Americans need your help.

Substance use disorder affects communities across America, but it doesn't affect all communities the same.

The epidemic of addiction and overdose disproportionately impacts Black Americans.

According to data from the National Institutes of Health, Black and white Americans use drugs about the same rate, yet Black Americans are four times more likely to be incarcerated.

We're less likely to receive treatment and we're more likely to die. In March, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revealed that the death rate for white Americans dropped for the first time in years, while rates for overdose deaths among Black Americans increased by 7.5%.

The stigma associated with substance use disorder also disproportionately affects Black Americans.

### I've shared my brother's story in trying to help find solutions

My brother Phillip has fought a long battle against addiction and overdose, and I talk publicly about his struggle in an effort to end the stigma surrounding

I shared Phillip's story at a recent panel on Capitol Hill, where I also briefed members of Congress on the substance use disorder's harmful impact on Black America.

In no uncertain terms, I told Congress, this is a crisis. But it's not a crisis without solutions.

We know what to do:

• Methadone is the gold-standard medication for treating substance use disorder and reducing drug cravings.



A clinic staff member packs overdose prevention kits, including nasal spray used to treat narcotic overdoses in an emergency situation, in New York City. ANGELA WEISS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

During the recent briefing on Capitol Hill, I urged members of Congress to take these steps to address the disproportionate impact of substance use disorder on Black communities. Today, I'm reiterating this call for action.

It's also the treatment most likely to be available to Black communities.

The bipartisan Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act would safely increase access to methadone by allowing licensed physicians to prescribe the medication from retail pharmacies.

Buprenorphine is another medication widely used, and patients prescribed this are less likely to seek out illicit drugs and are at lower risk of dying from an overdose.

However, Black patients were found to be significantly less likely to be prescribed buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder than white patients.

By taking immediate steps to end this

disparity and increase access to these medications, Congress can save lives.

• Within two weeks after release, formerly incarcerated individuals are over 40 times more likely to die from an overdose than the general population.

Because Black Americans are more likely to be jailed for drug-related crimes than white Americans, this is a tragedy directly harming our communities.

Connecting individuals to treatment while they're incarcerated gives them a pathway to breaking the cycle of addiction once released – and the Reentry Act would do just that.

This bipartisan bill would reinstate Medicaid benefits 30 days before release, providing incarcerated people with treatment and easing their transition back into society.

• Finally, we must reduce harm for people suffering from substance use

When I served as the U.S. surgeon general, I issued an advisory on naloxone, encouraging all Americans to carry this critical medicine.

When administered during an overdose, naloxone can reverse the impacts, preventing death.

### To save lives, fund more programs in underserved communities

We also should fund syringe service programs.

These community-based prevention programs allow people suffering from substance use disorder to access and dispose of sterile syringes, acting as a bridge between individuals and treatment options like medication-assisted treatment.

Research shows that new users of these programs are five times more likely to enter drug treatment and about three times more likely to stop using drugs than those who don't enter the programs.

Unfortunately, Black Americans are underrepresented in syringe service programs, depriving them of this vital link to treatment.

Congress must fund more programs in underserved areas.

During the recent briefing on Capitol Hill, I urged members of Congress to take these steps to address the disproportionate impact of substance use disorder on Black communities. Today, I'm reiterating this call for action.

We're living in a moment of extreme, all-hands-on-deck urgency.

Black Americans suffering from substance use disorder need help - and Congress must act.

Dr. Jerome Adams, MD, MPH, FASA, is Purdue University's executive director of Health Equity Initiatives and a former U.S. surgeon general.

# Gen Z voters are distrustful; Biden needs them





Celinda Lake and Christine Matthews Opinion contributors

Younger and older Americans have often been disconnected, but the differences between Gen Z and older generations are proving to be especially pronounced in this election year.

Having come of age during a global pandemic, economic crisis and social and political unrest, today's young people are perhaps understandably sour on public institutions, existing power structures and even the country, compared with older Americans.

As we head into a presidential election where 41 million Gen Z Americans are now eligible to vote, politicians, organizers and pundits would be wise to pay attention to differences in guiding values between older and younger generations that affect perceptions of the world and voting behaviors.

### Look at stats on religion, patriotism, economic success

There is a stark difference between younger and older generations in what values they believe in, particularly when it comes to religion, patriotism and economic success.

Generation Z, born from 1997 to 2012, is less than half as likely as baby boomers, born between 1946 and 1964, to place importance on things like patriotism, belief in God and having children. They are also half as likely to agree

that America is the best place to live.

Generations also differ about what is important to them financially or in their

careers. The 2021 Solutions Voter Survey by Lake Research Partners found that baby boomers are more likely to say being able to pay bills and provide for their family is extremely important. Generation X, born between the years 1965 and 1980, is most likely to focus on stability and financial success.

Gen Z is much more likely than boomers to say pursuing a passion is extremely important, as well as accomplishing a goal and achieving their full

However, Gen Z and boomers equally disagree with the notion that hard work is good for them.

### Faith in public institutions at all-time low among young people

Younger people also see systemic issues as more of a barrier to success: Gen Z and millennials, born between 1981 and 1996, are more likely than older generations to agree that people of color face greater barriers to economic success than white people (64% of Gen Z and 67% of millennials compared with 57% of Gen X and 45% of boomers).

A nearly defining feature of young Americans is their lack of trust in public institutions. Faith in institutions among Americans under 30 has dropped dramatically in the past decade. Trust in the president, Congress, federal government, Supreme Court, Wall Street. the news media and the military are all at an all-time low.

Young people also have less faith in our economic system. Only 40% of Americans under 30 have a positive impression of capitalism, compared with 73% of those 65 and over.

Gen Z even has less faith in their fellow Americans - they are far less likely than older generations to agree that most people are willing to make minor



In the election of 2022, Generation Z voters turned out at higher rates than millennials or Generation X did when they were that age.

**DEBORAH BERRY/USA TODAY** 

sacrifices for the benefit of the common good.

This vein of cynicism persists in many younger adults and affects their perception of American democracy.

While younger registered voters are more Democratic, they are more likely to be partisan leaners and independent leaners than older voters, who tend to identify completely with a one party or the other.

Younger Americans are also more likely to say they wish that there were more political parties to choose from. Younger adults are also less likely to see a great deal of difference between Democrats and Republicans.

Gen Z turnout could decide the result of this year's election. Turnout rates

have historically been lowest among eligible voters under 30, while older voters consistently turn out at higher rates. In 2022, though, Gen Z turned out at higher rates than millennials or Gen X did when they were that age.

However, increases in young voter turnout were largely concentrated in swing states such as Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, while turnout rates in solidly red or blue states were lower among young people.

### Where do voters under 30 stand on Joe Biden and Donald Trump

According to 2022 exit polls, 63% of voters under 30 voted for the Democratic candidate for the House and 35% voted for the Republican, a higher Democratic margin than any other age group.

Now, among likely voters under 30, Joe Biden leads Donald Trump 56% to 37%, according to the Harvard Youth

However, only 44% of likely Biden voters say they enthusiastically support him while 76% of Trump supporters are enthusiastic.

As political candidates make their pitch to voters this summer through Election Day, they would be wise to understand how the experiences of each generation have shaped their values and in turn shape their campaign's pitch accordingly.

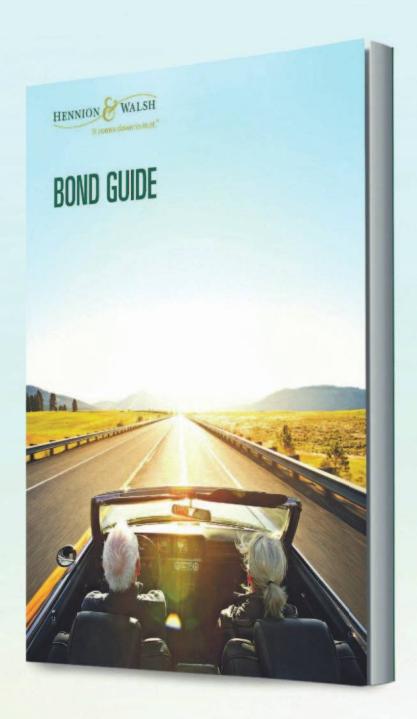
Celinda Lake, president of Lake Research Partners, was one of two lead pollsters for Joe Biden's 2020 presidential campaign. She also is a pollster for the Democratic National Committee.

Christine Matthews, president of Bellwether Research, is a leading public opinion pollster known for her understanding of swing voters, particularly



"USA TODAY hopes to serve as a forum for better understanding and unity to help make the USA truly one nation." – Allen H. Neuharth, Founder, Sept. 15, 1982

# TO PICK UP THIS BOND GUIDE FOR FREE PICK UP THE PHONE.



Municipal bonds have historically been a low-risk way to invest.\* Particularly if you're after the potential for tax-free and regular investment income. Investment-grade, rated Municipal bonds from Hennion & Walsh? Well, that might be even better. We've studied them from every angle, for more than 30 years. So we know how to use them to help you reach your financial goals.

# HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- √ The benefits and risks of municipal bonds.
- ✓ How municipal bonds provide federally tax-free income.
- ✓ Why municipal bonds offer the potential for regular income.
- ✓ Strategies for smart bond investing.
- ✓ Municipal bond facts every investor should know.

### **About Hennion & Walsh**

Since 1990 Hennion & Walsh has specialized in investment grade tax-free municipal bonds. The company supervises over \$3 billion in assets in over 16,000 accounts, providing individual investors with institutional quality service and personal attention.



# AND HERE'S WHAT IT COSTS: \$0

**CALL (800) 316-1837** 

to get your copy of the Hennion & Walsh Bond Guide.

There's no obligation and it's COMPLETELY FREE

© 2024 Hennion & Walsh. Securities offered through Hennion & Walsh Inc. Member of FINRA, SIPC. Investing in bonds involves risk including possible loss of principal. Income may be subject to state, local or federal alternative minimum tax. When interest rates rise, bond prices fall, and when interest rates fall, bond prices rise. If sold or called prior to maturity the amount received may be less than the amount paid, and the yield received may be less than the yield calculated at purchase. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. \*Investment grade municipal bonds had a cumulative 10-year default rate of 0.09% between 1970 and 2021 according to Moody's Investor Service, April 21, 2022 "US Municipal Bond Defaults and Recoveries", 1970–2021.



O USA TODAY | MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 | SECTION B

# You can check the headlines from your home state or city

We survey and compile the top news stories from all 50 states plus Washington, D.C. **Page 4B** 

**CRUISING ALTITUDE** 

# Plan ahead to deal with delays

A little research can make traveling easier

**Zach Wichter** 

USA TODAY

It's the realization no traveler wants to have: Your flight is delayed, canceled or diverted, and as a result, you'll miss your connection or otherwise not make it where you're trying to go.

It's a frustrating situation, but it doesn't always have to be the end of the world – or even the end of your trip. Ultimately, airlines want to get you where you're trying to get to, and sometimes, you can help smooth that process by doing your research and being prepared when you finally have your turn with customer service.

So the next time your travel plans go awry, here are the things to remember.

### Tight connection? Let a flight attendant know

If your flight is delayed and you have a connection, you may still be able to continue without too much hassle.

Nadia Henry, a travel adviser who goes by Sparkle professionally, told me flight attendants may be able to help make that connection a little easier for you

"If the flight is not full, they can move their seat up if they're nice," she said. "They can make an announcement that there are people that are on a connecting flight, (so) please let these people off first."

A few weeks ago, I heard the cabin crew leader on my flight announce multiple times that there were many passengers on our plane with tight connections after a long delay before our departure. He requested that everyone allow those passengers off first, and the message seems to have stuck. It was the first time I can remember in ages that people generally stayed in their seats when we arrived at the

Sparkle added, however, that flight attendants may not know your predicament if you don't ask for help, so it's important to be your own advocate if you encounter problems while traveling.

### Research your alternatives

Being your own advocate isn't limited to asking flight attendants for help. If you're going to miss a connection or your flight has been canceled, you may need to have all or part of your trip rebooked.

In that case, it's a good idea to approach customer service with your preferred flights if you're not able to rebook them yourself. Many airlines now offer self-service rebooking tools on their apps and websites, but those don't always present every option.

So, how can you do this research?

See CRUISING, Page 2B



# Beware of fake vacation scams

### Tips to follow to get taken in during the summer

Betty Lin-Fisher USA TODAY

ummer months mean vacations, outdoor concerts – and unfortunately, scams. • Though scams happen year-round, during the summer there's an increase in fraud around popular summer activities, Dan Cusick, a fraud and claim executive at Wells Fargo, told USA TODAY. • "Scammers and/or bad actors, as we often refer to them, really just look to exploit events. So whether it's the holiday season, whether it's summertime and concerts ... their whole MO isn't so much to get to that one person," Cusick said. "It's to exploit an event, and then those people come to that event and the scam is on."

### Young adults may be the most vulnerable to summer scams

"Fraud and scams are an equal-opportunity sport" that will exploit anybody, Cusick said, but young adults ages 18 to 24 are more likely to become victims of summer frauds, particularly fake concert tickets.

In a study in October 2023, the Better Business Bureau found that consumers ages 18 to 24 reported a higher median loss in scams than other age groups for the first time in 2022.

Still, scams happen to any age group, he said. In February, the Federal Trade Commission said consumers reported losing more than \$10 billion to fraud in 2023, marking the first time fraud losses have reached that benchmark. It was also a 14% increase over losses reported in 2022.

### Fake vacation rentals, concert tickets are common scams

Here are some common summer scams, according to Cusick:

• Summer concert and event scams. Fraudsters will target and exploit popular summer concerts, trying to lure victims through fake websites, social media posts or emails of-

fering tickets at discounted prices. Victims are asked to pay upfront for the tickets, often via a peer-to-peer payment app, which may not have as many protections against fraud.

- Fake travel websites. Be on the lookout for spoofed or fake travel websites, which can be disguised as legitimate sources. These sites might look real and offer attractive deals on flights, hotels and vacation packages, but there is no vacation. If a website asks for payment in the form of a gift card or a wire transfer, that's a red flag. Another red flag: if the site asks you to book immediately.
- The disappearing vacation rental. Scammers are trying to take advantage of popular sites like AirBnB and VRBO by offering properties that don't exist or don't belong to them. If the site asks you to go to another site to make your payment, or if that payment is requiredvia an unusual payment method, that's a red flag. Research the rental property by doing an online search for the owner's name and property address.
- You've won a free vacation. Some scammers will try to trick consumers into believing they've won a "free" vacation, but they need to pay a fee to receive the prize or pay for taxes.

See SCAMS, Page 2B

TO A MI VITT

# You might not have to be a millionaire to retire

'You Don't
Need to Be a
Millionaire to
Retire,' says
the headline of
a column
written by
Andrew Biggs,
published in
April in The
Wall Street
Journal.
GETTY IMAGES



AEI fellow says retirees must reduce spending

**Daniel de Visé**USA TODAY

USA TODAY

If you want to retire in comfort, investment firms and news headlines tell us, you may need \$1 million in the bank.

Or maybe not. One prominent economist says you can retire for a lot less: \$50,000 to \$100,000 in total savings. He points to the experiences of actual retirees as evidence.

"You Don't Need to Be a Millionaire to Retire," says the headline of a column by Andrew Biggs, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute think tank, and published in April in The Wall Street Journal.

Most Americans retire with nowhere near \$1 million in savings. The notion that we need that much money to fund a secure retirement arises from opinion polls, personal finance columns and two or three rules of thumb that suffuse the financial planning business.

Financial advisers tell you to save 10 times your annual salary for retirement, enough cash that you can live on 4% of the balance for a year. In one widely reported survey, Americans said they would need \$1.46 million in the bank to

See RETIREMENT, Page 2B

# What travelers should know about booking a cruise online

**Nathan Diller** 

USA TODAY

Travelers can buy almost anything they need for a cruise online, from flipflops to sunscreen to the trip itself.

Many travelers book cruises through travel agents, but that's not necessarily the right move for everyone. "Some people don't want to deal with people," said Joanna Kuther, a New York Citybased travel agent and owner of Port Side Travel Consultants. "They want to go online. They don't want to have one conversation."

But with seemingly endless search results and websites vying for prospective guests' attention in ads, the experience can be overwhelming. And while booking online offers convenience, there can be some drawbacks.

### What are the best websites to book a cruise online?

When booking online, Kuther recommended going directly through the cruise line – if you know which one you want to sail with.

Travelers can easily browse itineraries, the line's ships and their layouts, and other add-ons and promotions offered. If customers reserve other aspects of their trip, like flights, directly through the line, they will also have greater protection in the event of disruptions.

"So if there's a cancellation or a delay, it's their job to get you to that ship," Kuther said. "That's their commitment." However, she noted that travelers may not have as many choices as when booking their flights themselves. (Cruise lines often have in-house vacation planners who are familiar with the brand.)

Travelers can book cruises via third-party sites as well and may be able to find deals doing so. Booking.com introduced a cruise option late last year, allowing travelers to book sailings, flights and hotels in one place. Other sites like Expedia and Orbitz also offer the category, and there are cruise-specific sites as well like Cruisebound.com and Cruise.com.

Those can also offer a comprehensive way to see what cruises are out there. Brandon O. Smith, who runs the YouTube channel The Weekend Cruiser, said Vacations To Go's search function is particularly good. Many travelers also like Costco Travel because it's



Royal Caribbean International's Oasis of the Seas ship. PROVIDED BY ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

"kind of built into their ecosystem," he added.

Travelers booking through online travel agencies may have to pay fees that cruise lines do not charge, however, Smith said.

### What if I need help with my booking?

Customers who book online on their own may have to contact the cruise line or third-party site when they have questions or issues, and the customer representative's familiarity with the kind of trip they're taking might vary. "And I think that's one of the big shortcomings," Smith said.

Some travelers who have used thirdparty booking sites have had to jump through hoops to get help when their plans have gone awry.

### Should first-time cruisers book a cruise online?

There is a wide range of lines and ships that cater to different types of vacations.

Smith recommended new cruisers work with a travel agent who can help them determine what kind of voyage is right for them. "Word of mouth is a great way to find people, and finding people who know your style of cruising," he said. "So, if you're a family of five, you want to find somebody that's familiar with looking for larger families."

If a traveler is looking for highly personalized advice, he said, "You're not going to get that through an online booking tool."

## **Cruising**

Continued from Page 1B

Well, first, download the airline's app on your phone before you travel. That will be the easiest way to get updates and make changes to your itinerary on the fly if something goes wrong. Take advantage of inflight Wi-Fi or service on the ground to get a jump on your fellow passengers when it comes to looking up your options and rebooking yourself. The sooner you can make those changes, the more options will be available.

"Doing your homework before you get to the counter is always good. You can be proactive to let the representative know 'I already looked this up," Sparkle said. Especially when agents are dealing with multiple delays and cancellations, knowing what flights you want when you get to the counter can help make their job easier because it means they don't have to spend time searching for those alternatives for you.

Sparkle also said airlines can sometimes rebook you on other carriers, so it's worth seeing what other airlines have available as well.

Keep in mind there are no guarantees when things go wrong like this. Your preferred flights might not be available, or your airline might not have a partnership deal to get you on another carrier you're requesting, but it never hurts to ask.

Like most things in air travel, airlines usually accommodate elite frequent flyers and passengers in premium cabins first when things get disrupted. But if you don't have status and you're flying economy, you can still maximize your chances of getting your preferred alternate flights by using self-service rebooking tools as soon as possible. You can also reach out to airlines on multiple platforms, such as through their app or social media, while waiting to get customer service help at the airport. If you have lounge access, you also may be able to take advantage of

shorter customer service lines there.

Zach Griff, a fellow aviation journalist at The Points Guy, recently posted a thread on social media about his best practices when he encounters flight disruptions, and researching alternative flights was his No.1 piece of advice.

### **Know your rights**

Different airlines have different policies around rebooking, including hotel and meal vouchers, when your flight is delayed or canceled for reasons within their control.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has a dashboard that outlines each carrier's rules, and a quick check before you get to the customer service counter or connect with a representative electronically or on the phone can help you understand what you can and can't ask for in your situation. For example, Alaska, American, Delta, JetBlue and United Airlines will rebook you on other airlines if your flight is significantly delayed for reasons they control. But Allegiant, Frontier, Hawaiian, Southwest and Spirit Airlines won't.

### You may be entitled to a refund

If your flight is canceled for any reason and you choose not to travel on the alternatives your airline offers you, you're eligible for a refund to your original form of payment – even if you bought a nonrefundable ticket.

The Transportation Department recently announced changes to its mandatory refund policies that will take effect this fall. These policies include automatic refunds if a service you pay for, like onboard Wi-Fi, doesn't work on your flight.

### One more tip

Beyond advocating for yourself during a travel hiccup, Sparkle said there are things you can do to prepare.

"Always keep any important medication in your carry-on bag. Also, always keep a small bag, whether a knapsack or small carry-on, with a change of clothes and all your toiletries," she said.

### Scams

Continued from Page 1B

### Tips to protect yourself from scams

Cusick's tips to protect yourself:

• Verify websites. Make sure the URL is an authentic website of a known company. Look for the padlock icon,

which indicates it's a secure site.

- Book direct. When possible, book directly from an official travel provider.
- Use a credit card. Credit card purchases provide certain protections for consumers, while peer-to-peer payment apps may not.
- Use caution with QR codes. QR codes can be convenient, but be aware that scammers can use QR codes to send you to a malicious site. Verify the site is legitimate.

### Retirement

Continued from Page 1B

retire comfortably.

### Most retirees say they're doing just fine, thank you

Biggs disagrees. To prove his point, the economist looked at responses to the federal Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking between 2019 and 2022.

The survey asked retirement-age Americans, 65 to 74, how well they were managing financially.

A majority, roughly 85%, said they were just fine: They were living comfortably, or at least "doing OK."

Only 15% said they were struggling. The finding matters, Biggs says, because most retirees have much less than \$1 million in the bank. In the federal survey, the typical senior who reported a satisfactory retirement had \$50,000 to \$100,000 in savings.

"It's impossible to find any evidence that seniors need even a fraction of \$1.46 million in savings to be financially secure," Biggs wrote.

By his argument, retirees don't need nearly so much savings as financial planners say they do.

The average couple who retired in 2022 reaped nearly \$46,000 in annual Social Security benefits, by Biggs's calculations. While that sum is "hardly extravagant," he wrote, "a typical couple can expect an income more than twice the elderly poverty threshold before they touch a penny of their own savings."

Biggs says retirement planners overstate how much income retirees actually need, and how much they will spend, essentially as a way to drum up business.

### Do you really need \$1.46 million to retire in style?

Reactions to Biggs's column ranged from admiration to outrage. Some readers reposted the piece on X with praise. One critic quipped, "You don't need to be a millionaire to retire and do NOTHING!!!"

Biggs is a noted conservative economist and something of a contrarian. This year, he and a colleague sparked outrage with a paper that argued for eliminating the 401(k) plan.

His new assertion, that people don't need a million dollars to retire in comfort, flies in the face of common wisdom in the retirement planning industry.

"What about rising health care costs?" said Lili Vasileff, a certified financial planner in Greenwich, Connecticut. "What about more older adult children living for free with older parents? What about divorces in later life that halve all assets on the cusp of retirement?"

Perhaps the most provocative claim in Biggs's analysis is that only a few retirees face financial challenges.

Alicia Munnell, director of the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College (and a past collaborator with Biggs), estimates that at least two-fifths of retirees are struggling financially.

In the 2022 edition of the federal Survey of Consumer Finances, when seniors were asked how they would handle a financial emergency, only 58% said they could rely on savings. To Munnell, that figure reflects the depth of financial insecurity among retirees.

## You don't want to say, 'I really screwed up'

Why, then, did only 15% of seniors in the other federal survey, cited by Biggs, say they were struggling?

Munnell thinks many retirees are reluctant to discuss their financial problems in surveys.

"When people are asked about their well-being, I think there's a certain pride," she said. "You don't want to say, 'I really screwed up."

Though Munnell disagrees with Biggs on the financial well-being of American retirees, she applauds his stance that you don't need a million dollars to retire.

"I don't think it helps to hold out unrealistic savings goals and to exaggerate how much money people need to fund a comfortable retirement," she said.

The million-dollar retirement is a frustrating quest, Munnell said, because most of us do not retire as millionaires.

### How much retirement savings do retirees have?

The typical senior with a retirement account has about \$200,000 saved, according to data for households in the 65-74 age range from the 2022 Survey of Consumer Finances.

But only about half of those households report having retirement accounts at all.

On this point, Biggs and his colleagues disagree. He contends that many seniors have other kinds of savings, not to mention pensions. Munnell believes that Biggs is overconfident in the security of American retirees.

"I don't know people, really, who have retirement savings who don't have a retirement account," she said.

Retirement experts often say people will need about 80% of their preretirement income to fund their retirement years.

Social Security covers only about half of that, according to the Social Security Administration. And so, for a comfortable retirement, we are urged to save.

One rule dictates that we should try to save 10 times our annual salary to supplement our Social Security income.

For a typical American household, that comes to nearly \$750,000, or 10 times the median household income of \$74,580.

And then there is the 4% rule: Plan to withdraw 4% of your retirement savings to cover your annual living expenses, adjusting the figure for inflation each year.

Some experts say 4% is too low; others contend it's too high. Either way, the message is clear: If you are going to live on a single-digit percentage of your retirement savings, you will need a lot of it.

### Retirees 'reduce their spending pretty significantly' as they age

Biggs believes those rules exist largely so that investment houses can sell investment products, and so personal-finance websites can attract paragrayiews

He points to the 80% rule: Not many retirees, he reasons, will ever spend that much of their working income in retirement.

"For a long time, 70% was the recommended mean for middle-income retirees," he said in an email to USA TO-DAY, "and it's crept up without (to my mind) particularly strong evidence." The 4% rule is a little harder to cri-

tique, he said, "but one thing we now know is that retirees reduce their spending pretty significantly as they age."

Older retirees travel less, eat less and spend less on children, Biggs said. Medical costs rise, but insurance covers most of them.

Retirement experts say the guidelines are meant as aspirational goals for working people to plan their retirement.

"Those rules of thumb are helpful for folks in their early career, their mid-career," said Douglas Ornstein, a director with TIAA Wealth Management, part of the financial services nonprofit. "By the time you're five years out from retirement, those rules are probably not so helpful anymore."

No two retirements are alike, financial advisers say. Some retirees are still making mortgage payments or supporting grandchildren.

Others have neither dependents nor

"If you're living in Manhattan, yeah, you probably need a million dollars, if not more," said Christopher Lyman, a certified financial planner in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

"If you're living out near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with the Amish, there's not a lot going on down there. If you've got \$50,000, you're probably OK."

### **PAID ADVERTISEMENT**

# A STATEMENT OF CONTRITION FROM INOTIV

In May 2022, as previously reported and as part of a federal investigation, federal authorities conducted a search at the canine breeding facility in Cumberland County, Virginia, owned and operated by Envigo RMS, LLC, a company that had been acquired in November 2021 by Inotiv, Inc. Subsequent to the search, the United States brought a civil action to enjoin the company from transporting any dogs from the facility until it fully complied with the Animal Welfare Act. In June 2022, pursuant to an agreement resolving its civil liability with the United States, the company agreed to close the facility and allow the dogs to be rehomed. The facility ceased operations in September 2022.

On June 3, 2024, under a Plea Agreement and Resolution Agreement with the United States (through the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia and the Environmental Crimes Section of the United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division), Inotiv, Inc. agreed to accept responsibility for its conduct and agreed to the facts and allegations set forth in the charging document. In addition, its subsidiary, Envigo Global Services, Inc., pleaded guilty to conspiring to violate the Clean Water Act from January 1, 2020, through September 30, 2022, and its subsidiary, Envigo RMS, LLC, pleaded guilty to conspiring to violate the Animal Welfare Act from January 1, 2020, through May 18, 2022.

Pursuant to the Plea Agreement and Resolution Agreement, we will:

- Pay a criminal fine in the amount of \$22 million, to be paid over the next four years;
- Make payments of approximately \$1.1 million to the Virginia Animal Fighting Task Force and approximately \$1.9 million to the Humane Society of the United States for direct assistance provided to the United States' investigation;
- Make a payment of \$3.5 million to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to benefit and restore the environment and ecosystems in Cumberland County, Virginia, at least \$500,000 of which will be spent on purchasing riparian wetland or riparian land located in or near Cumberland, Virginia;
- Invest a minimum of \$7 million over the next three years to continue to improve our facilities and personnel to exceed the standards imposed by the Animal Welfare Act;
- Pay all costs of a Compliance Monitor, who will ensure we comply with our obligations under the Plea Agreement and Resolution Agreement and all federal, state, and local laws;
- Continue to not breed dogs;
- Be subject to contempt proceedings if we violate any provision of the agreement; and
- Be placed on a period of probation for up to five years, with the potential toend the term early at a minimum of three years if we comply with all elements of the resolution.

In committing the crimes identified in the charging document, and by not making the necessary infrastructure upgrades and hiring the requisite staff, we fell short of our standards for animal and environmental welfare and apologize to the public for the harm caused by our conduct. In resolving this matter, we renew our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of animal care, as well as to the communities and environments in which we operate. We hope that others will learn from our experience.

MONEY

### 50\*States

ALABAMA Montgomery: The Southern Poverty Law Center released its annual Year in Hate & Extremism Report, documenting more than 1,400 extremist groups operating in the United States in 2023. That includes 20 groups in Alabama.

ALASKA Anchorage: Pantheon Resources said it had signed an agreement establishing the terms for future sales of its natural gas to a unit of state-backed Alaska Gasline Development Corporation.

ARIZONA Phoenix: The Lake Havasu-Kingman area was found to enjoy the best air quality in the nation, while metro Phoenix has one of the worst, according to a recent study.

ARKANSAS Bentonville: U.S. retailer Walmart said it saw no impact from the war in Gaza. The company witnessed a "minor supply chain issue," Doug McMillon, the chief executive of the retailer, said at the company's annual general meeting in Bentonville, but that didn't have any major impacts.

CALIFORNIA Los Angeles: Two people have been charged in connection to a LEGO theft ring bust after authorities seized nearly 3,000 boxes of stolen LEGO toys.

colorado Pueblo: Pueblo is facing a lawsuit over city council's decision to ban needle exchange programs from operating within city limits. In a news release, the ACLU of Colorado said Pueblo City Council's decision to ban the programs is "preempted by state law." The ACLU is seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction to immediately halt enforcement of the new law, which went into effect May 16.

connecticut's economic development agency is offering up to \$100 million in grant funding aimed at fostering startup "clusters" in cities and towns around the state, with a focus on innovations in biotechnology, finance, insurance and advanced manufacturing, The CT Mirror reported.

**DELAWARE Rehoboth Beach:** A legally questionable land deed and government agencies' failure to act quickly on complaints may have led to the illegal filling of wetlands on Silver Lake in Rehoboth Beach.

### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Washington:** Howard University's board of trustees voted to rescind an honorary degree presented in 2014 to rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs after a video surfaced showing him kicking, hitting

degree presented in 2014 to rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs after a video surfaced showing him kicking, hitting and dragging then-girlfriend Cassie Ventura.

FLORIDA Jacksonville: The future of recycling in Jacksonville could eventually involve the use of artificial intelligence, or even a tool for residents to determine if specific products could be recycled, as the city pursues efforts to save money through decontamination.

GEORGIA Bryan County: A coastal Georgia conservation group informed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that it will take legal action to stop work on Hyundai Motor Company's soon-to-open electric-vehicle manufacturing facility near Savannah.

HAWAII Honolulu: The Department of Human Services is asking for patience amid a delay in state Snap and EBT benefits due to staff vacancies and a surge in applications, Hawaii News Now reported.

IDAHO Idaho Falls: Solar power developers will soon build two big solar projects on U.S. Department of Energy-owned lands in Idaho that are now cleaned up after decades of tests on nuclear reactors for civil and defense, the first projects in a program across five states, the department said. NorthRenew Energy Partners and Spitfire plan to install solar arrays with battery storage at the DOE's Idaho National Laboratory.

**ILLINOIS Springfield:** A new study found Illinois to be among the worst in the country when it comes to pay gaps between genders.

INDIANA Bloomington: Indiana University faculty members say a provost-led initiative to bring in renowned senior professors to IU's faculty has been poorly executed, is falling behind schedule and is causing widespread dissatisfaction in multiple departments.

**KANSAS Topeka:** City Council is considering changing its policies on hiring and firing the city attorney.

### **HIGHLIGHT: IOWA**



More than 1,000 Lego bricks were used to create a miniature replica of some of the buildings that make up Des Moines' skyline. PROVIDED BY JOE FELDMANN

Des Moines: It takes 1,234 Lego bricks to build a miniature replica of Des Moines. Or at least that's how many pieces Joe Feldmann chose to use when he crafted parts of Des Moines. His Des Moines skyline Lego set, first reported by the Des Moines Business Record, includes the Iowa Capitol Building, the Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge, the 801 Grand Building, the Krause Gateway Center and Pappajohn Sculpture Park. An associate principal with OPN Architects in Des Moines, Feldmann's always appreciated the city's skyline. "I think it's something we can brag about over a lot of our other similar-sized communities," he said.

KENTUCKY Henderson: Kentucky officials announced that Hydro Aluminum Metals would invest \$85 million into its Henderson recycling facility, adding 31 new jobs and introducing advanced manufacturing equipment to the facility over the next two years.

LOUISIANA Lafayette: A study conducted by Casinos.com analyzed Louisiana casinos to see which are the luckiest. The luckiest casino in the state, according to the study, is Delta Downs Racetrack and Casino in Vinton, followed by Coushatta Casino Resort, Louisiana Downs Racetrack and Casino and Golden Nugget Casino. Margaritaville Resort Casino in Bossier City ranked last as the unluckiest in Louisiana, according to the study.

MAINE Portland: In an effort to fill 30 vacant positions, Portland's police department hired a public safety marketing company and has invested nearly \$300,000 to create a recruitment video which is set to go live in August, News Center Maine reported.

MARYLAND Salisbury: Hurricanerelated damage for all Salisbury area homeowners could total an estimated \$40.9 billion according to a 2024 Hurricane Risk Report.

MASSACHUSETTS Boston: According to a recent study, gaming is now "the" way to unwind. Research by the Interventional Pain Management and Ortho-Spine Center ranked gaming as No. 1 in the top 10 most popular hobbies in Massachusetts (and the country).

MICHIGAN Wexford County: The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently had to euthanize about 31,000 Atlantic salmon at the Harrietta State Fish Hatchery in Wexford County. The fish were sick with bacterial kidney disease, according to the DNR.

MINNESOTA Benton County: The ongoing U.S. outbreak of avian flu in dairy cattle reached Minnesota as the state announced its first infected herd. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health said the farmer of the affected herd reported more than 40 cows with signs of fever.

MISSISSIPPI Water Valley: Eight former employees have filed a federal lawsuit against an auto parts manufacturing company, the former EnPro Industries, in Water Valley, claiming the company and others, including Detrex Chemical Industries, exposed them to chemicals known to cause cancer.

MISSOURI Springfield: In front of a camera since she was a baby, actress Brooke Shields will be in Springfield this fall to discuss her life and navigating fame. She will also talk about overcoming challenges. Shields will headline Missouri State's Public Affairs Conference, speaking on Sept. 24 at Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

MONTANA Great Falls: A dozen people came to a meeting last week to protest Great Falls Mayor Cory Reeves' decision not to issue a Pride proclamation for the month of June, The Daily Montanan reported. **NEBRASKA Beaver City:** Officials said a mountain lion and two cubs have been seen in the area, Lincoln Journal Star reported.

**NEVADA Reno:** Stellar Aviation has wrapped up construction on the first phase of a major expansion of its Reno facility – a move designed to accommodate the area's growing demand for aviation services.

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE Portsmouth:**

Mitch Landrieu, senior adviser to President Joe Biden, said Biden "delivers" on infrastructure while Donald Trump merely "talks" about it. Landrieu, infrastructure coordinator for Biden, joined Portsmouth Mayor Deaglan McEachern last week to tout millions of dollars in federal funding that has flowed to several New Hampshire infrastructure projects. This includes the completed expansion of the Portsmouth Harbor shipping channel.

NEW JERSEY Trenton: The Murphy Administration has proposed removing the osprey and the bald eagle from New Jersey's list of endangered species, according to a statement from Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette. If approved, the move would reflect decades of work "to restore these iconic birds to New Jersey's landscape," he said.

**NEW MEXICO Santa Fe:** New Mexico State Police has issued more than 370 citations from May 20 to June 2 during a national campaign encouraging seat belt use, KRQE reported.

NEW YORK Albany: State officials announced the release of \$74 million in taxpayer-supported funds to build a new hospital in Western New York, Gov. Kathy Hochul said. The hospital will replace the aging Brooks-TLC Hospital – the only community hospital in Chautauqua County. Kaleida Health, the Buffalobased health system, and Brooks-TLC Health Systems struck an agreement with Hochul's administration and union groups to build the new hospital in the village of Fredonia, the governor's office said.

NORTH CAROLINA Raleigh: North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore, and other House Republicans, are sponsoring a newly filed bill about citizen voting laws called HB 1074 that would not change who can vote in elections but would alter the wording of the state constitution.

NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck: The Donald Trump campaign has stepped up its vice presidential search, requesting detailed information from at least four of the top contenders. North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum is one of the four asked to submit background information to the Trump campaign, according to two people familiar with the process

ohio Columbus: A church, a hospital, a school, a restaurant and a grocery store – some dating from the 1800s – are this year's most endangered historic properties in central Ohio, according to Columbus Landmarks. The list, which the preservation group releases annually, includes a wide mix of building uses, vintages and sizes.

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: The City Council gave developer Scot Matteson the rezoning he sought to build the tallest tower in the country, but not without questions on whether it will really get built.

**OREGON Eugene:** Lane County plans to roll out a new mobile crisis response program this month. Mobile crisis refers to an alternate response model where health professionals are deployed to emergencies instead of, or in conjunction with, law enforcement.

**PENNSYLVANIA Butler:** A police investigation has revealed that the woman claiming to be an 8-year-old Pennsylvania girl missing since 1985 is likely not the missing child according to DNA. Forensic fingerprint analysis showed that the woman claiming to be Cherrie Mahan, who was last seen on Feb. 22, 1985, did not match the ones of the missing girl's, according to a news release from the Pennsylvania State Police provided by the department's Public Information Officer Trooper Bertha Cazy on the social media platform X, formerly Twitter.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: Crucial services for crime victims are in jeopardy, advocates say, unless state law-makers provide \$2 million in funding. More than 20 nonprofit organizations together are urging the General Assembly to provide emergency funding for support services for victims based on a 40% cut in federal funding nationwide. The cuts take effect Oct. 1.

**SOUTH CAROLINA Greer:** Inland Port Greer's \$50 million expansion project is expected to be mostly complete by the end of this year. Terminal Manager Will Angelich said the expansion will double cargo capacity and enhance rail capabilities.

### **SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls:**

Schwan's has purchased the land for its promised 700,000 square foot Asian food production facility in northwestern Sioux Falls, which will also come with a downtown office that will add another 50 jobs to the 600 already promised, the company announced.

TENNESSEE Knoxville: An Alabamabased company rethinking how clean energy can be generated on a large scale is planning its own large-scale expansion in Knoxville after acquiring technology to generate power through water.

**TEXAS Houston:** Element Fuels Holdings, a Dallas-area startup proposing to build the first all-new U.S. oil refinery in nearly 50 years, said it was relaunching efforts to build a large plant in South Texas.

UTAH Salt Lake City: The Utah NHL team whittled down its list of 20 original names in a fan survey that drew 520,000 participants and it is putting the remaining names up for another fan vote through June 20. The remaining names (in alphabetical order): Utah Blizzard, Utah HC (Hockey Club), Utah Mammoth, Utah Outlaws, Utah Venom and Utah Yeti.

**VERMONT Bennington:** Vermont lost another fabled state senator. Bennington Sen. Dick Sears Jr. – often described as one of the country's "most productive" lawmakers – died on June 2. He was 81.

VIRGINIA Chester: Saying he was "unleashing the power" of Virginia consumers, Gov. Glenn Youngkin said he planned to do away with a California-driven initiative requiring that a percentage of vehicle purchases in the state be electrically-powered cars by the end of the year.

**WASHINGTON Port Orchard:** A family in northwestern Washington has sued a local butcher shop for killing their pet pigs when they came to the wrong house, according to a lawsuit filed in Washington Superior Court.

WEST VIRGINIA Charleston: West Virginia veteran organizations received more than 10,400 boxes of cookies donated by Girl Scouts during the latest Girl Scout Cookie season, WV News reported.

WISCONSIN Green Bay: The Ray Nitschke Memorial Bridge would see two murals added and more than \$679,000 in repairs completed under contracts the Green Bay City Council could approve this month.

**WYOMING Jackson:** A mudslide has shut down part of a road between Jackson and the Idaho border.

From USA TODAY Network and

wire reports

### Jack Nicklaus plays role of Superman at Memorial, 7C

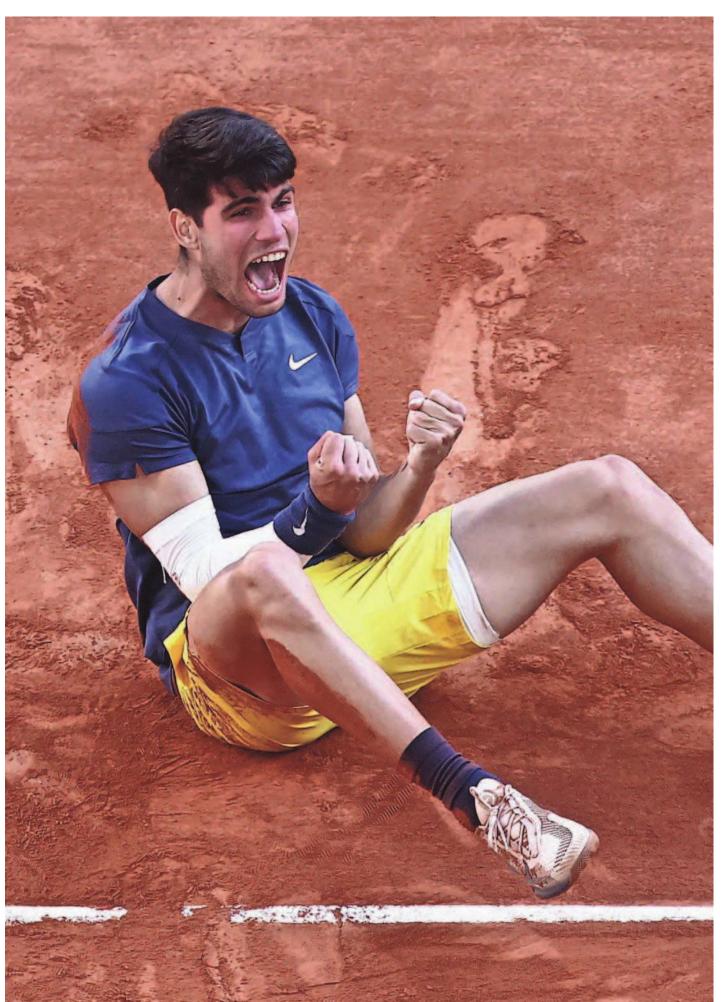
Colombia hands US men's soccer team its worst loss since 2016; it's 'a wake-up call,' **8C** 

# Latest news, results, opinions 24/7 at sports.usatoday.com

Check out who won Game 2 of the NBA Finals and how, plus highlights from PGA Tour, MLB, WNBA

E-

# 1ST-TIME FRENCH CHAMP



A Spaniard is once again the king of Roland Garros. Third-seeded Carlos Alcaraz continued his country's dominance of the French Open, defeating No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev of Germany in five sets Sunday for his first French Open title and third Grand Slam title. Alcaraz carried on the tradition of countryman Rafael Nadal, who won a record 14 French Open championships from 2005 to 2022.

• Dan Wolken column on the Spanish 'mega-talent,' 3C yves herman/reuters



# MLB fear: Threats, harm over betting

Editor's note: The following story contains graphic threats of violence.

PHOENIX – They receive death

They are followed home by strangers.

They are abused and derided.

They are Major League Baseball players, who can tell you all about the menacing threats that have been inflicted upon their lives since MLB and gambling companies got into bed together.

"You hear it all, man," Arizona Diamondbacks closer Paul Sewald told USA TODAY Sports. "You blow a save, you don't come through, you get it all. "(Expletive) you. You suck. You cost me all of this money.

"(Expletive) you. (Expletive) your family. I'm going to kill you and then kill your family.'

"It gets ugly really quickly. It's scary, and it's sad. It used to be fans who were upset because you blew the game for the team, but now it's gambling. These people don't really care about the Diamondbacks. They just care about their bets, and we're talking about money they don't have that they are losing. So, it's a very scary spot."

One MLB general manager told USA TODAY Sports that he received death threats delivered directly to his house, requiring police protection.

"I remember being followed home one time when I was playing for Cleveland," Diamondbacks reliever Logan Allen said. "I had a really bad game, and this guy follows me home, and starts cussing at me, telling me I cost him all of this money.

"It's scary."

The Major League Baseball Players Association began publicly voicing concerns about player safety after a Supreme Court decision that ultimately opened the door for it to become legal to gamble on sporting events in 38 states and the District of Columbia, with teams constructing sports betting sites outside their ballparks. The union negotiated Amendment 61 to the collective bargaining agreement requiring teams to be proactive in curbing fans' aggressive behavior toward players.

yers. "Clubs shall include in their fan

See NIGHTENGALE, Page 2C

## Sergei Bobrovsky best player in Cup Final opener



Joe Schad
The Palm Beach Post
USA TODAY NETWORK

SUNRISE, Fla. – There's something about watching a peak athlete in a state of peak performance.

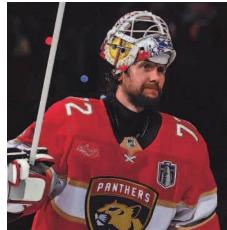
There's something about watching the best hockey player in the world, Connor McDavid of the Edmonton Oilers, yes, but there's something *better* about watching the best hockey player on the ice, Sergei Bobrovsky of the Florida Panthers.

Bobrobsky.

High scoring chance after high scoring chance. High danger chance after high danger chance.

It was Sergei Bobrovsky on a Saturday night at Amerant Bank Arena, turning away shot after shot and keying Florida's 3-0 win in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final.

It was turning away McDavid on a strong drive to the net and then stonewalling breakaways by Adam Henrique and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins later in the



The Panthers' Sergei Bobrovsky faced 32 shots on goal Saturday and made 32 saves. SAM NAVARRO/USA TODAY SPORTS

first period.

It was Bobrovsky, stymieing an Oilers offense with supreme speed and skill.

Bobrovsky, 35, was well-rested and sharp. As sharp as ever. It was 32 shots faced and 32 saves made.

See SCHAD, Page 3C

# USA Basketball airballs by leaving Caitlin Clark at home



Christine Brennan
Columnist

You can love Caitlin Clark. You can hate Caitlin Clark. You can love her Iowa roots. You can hate her Iowa roots. You can like her because she's white, or dislike her because she's white. Same goes for being straight. You can love the media's fascination with her, or hate it. You can love the historic TV ratings and sell-out crowds, or hate them. You can love her interviews, or hate them.

But there's one thing that we all

know to be true:
With Caitlin Clark on the 2024 U.S.
Olympic women's basketball team,
players who have been largely ignored
by the sports media at every Summer
Olympic Games that I've covered,
which is every one since 1984, would
have finally received the spotlight they
deserve from a national and global audience.

Going into the Games, with national



Caitlin Clark of the Fever was the WNBA's Rookie of the Month for May. GREG FIUME/GETTY IMAGES

sensation Clark on the roster, I think the top storylines for the Americans in Paris (and quite a few international reporters) would have been these: 1. Simone Biles, 2. Katie Ledecky 3. Caitlin Clark.

Maybe you add an athlete or team or two here or there, U.S. women's soccer, U.S. men's basketball, take your pick, but that's the general idea. With Clark

See BRENNAN, Page 2C

### **Nightengale**

Continued from Page 1C

policies a prohibition against bettingrelated, abusive fan speech and behavior that is directed at players, players' family members, club personnel or umpires. ...

"The parties will jointly develop a safety hotline for players to report any threats, potentially threatening communications or other inappropriate sports bettor-related conduct or contact that a player or any member his family received related to sports bettor (e.g., social media messages threatening violence as retribution for a gambler's losses.)"

The amendments also restrict teams from placing gambling information on their scoreboard before and during games: "No betting lines on player-specific performance or other player-specific betting-related information may be displayed on in-stadium videoboards or other in-stadium signage during a game or during pre-game warm-ups."

Yet, as the players will tell you, no scoreboard is needed with fans constantly reminding them about the odds, prop bets and parlays while they're on the field before games.

And if your team doesn't win, or you fail to hold up your end of the prop bet, guess who hears about it?

"You get some messed-up stuff, a lot of nasty DMs (direct social media messages)," San Francisco Giants ace Logan Webb said. "People are really passionate about teams, and now that you add money to it, it's bigger than ever.

"My first year, there wasn't that much gambling going on. It was just, 'Oh, you suck. You shouldn't be on the team.' Just things like that.

"Now, you're getting, 'You just cost me money.' They say some (messed)-up (expletive). I get a lot of that with strikeouts. 'Hey, I got money on you for strikeouts. Are you going to hit it?'

"I always look up and say, 'Probably not'

"There are times it gets pretty seri-

When players like Giants third baseman Matt Chapman and Diamondbacks first baseman Christian Walker come to the plate, instead of their own fans cheering for them to get a hit, fans will remind them they have them in their parlay, and they better hit a home run or at least a double.

"People are always talking (expletive)," Walker said. "You're in the ondeck circle, and someone's like, 'Come on, I need you. I need plus-2. Hit a double for me.

"People have their phones out as the game happens now. It's not a situation anymore where you place a bet before the game, and then you're at the mercy of it (the bet) the whole game. It's real time as innings are unfolding and they make little prop bets.

"I can show you my DMs that are full with people talking (expletive), saying how you cost them money and saying some nasty (expletive). That's part of it.



A BetMGM logo on the wall at the Reds home ballpark in Cincinnati. ALBERT CESARE/THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

It shouldn't be part of it. But it is part of professional sports now."

It has become so appalling that fans are now requesting payment from players for their lost wages in bets.

"Fans used to just say normal things like, 'You're a bum,' " said Chapman, a seven-year veteran. "Now, that they have all that money on us, fans will talk a lot of (expletive) to us. I'll even have fans Venmo requesting me for money. I had to change my Venmo."

Said Giants veteran reliever Tyler Rogers: "I had to make my Venmo private because I'd blow a game or something, and people would find me on Venmo, and they'd send me requests. 'Hey, you cost me \$1,500. You better pay me back.'

"It definitely gets people a lot more upset than it used to."

Chicago White Sox outfielder Tommy Pham spends time at the Las Vegas casinos in the offseason and sees how gambling has dramatically changed fans' acrimony in recent years, particularly from those who are betting beyond their financial means.

"It's getting completely out hand," Pham said. "As a blackjack gambler myself, you shouldn't bet on anything you're not prepared to lose, but we know that doesn't happen, and it brings out all of these keyboard warriors.

"It's getting worse and worse." Frankly, it's terrifying.

Benjamin Tucker Patz, a 24-year-old sports gambler, pleaded guilty in 2021 for sending a string of social media messages to four players on the Tampa Bay Rays and one player on the White Sox after a 2019 game the Rays lost.

Here's a sampling of the horrifying messages to one Rays player:

• "I will sever your neck open you pa-

- thetic (expletive)."

   "I will enter your home while you
- sleep, and sever your neck open."
  - "I will kill your entire family."
- "Everyone you love will soon cease."
  - "I will cut up your family."
  - "Dismember them alive."

Patz also sent threats to players on Atlanta, San Diego, Oakland, Cleveland, Baltimore, Kansas City and Toronto.

So what was Patz's punishment when he pleaded guilty?

Three years of probation and six months of home confinement. Not a single day of jail time.

The odds of Patz's deviant behavior being just an isolated incident is the same as believing there are no other players who gamble on baseball; no club employees are routinely providing line-up and health information to gamblers; and that Ippei Mizuhara, Shohei Ohtani's interpreter, made 19,000 bets without telling a soul.

Still, despite the inherent danger, not only to players but to the potential integrity of the game, Major League Baseball endlessly promotes gambling websites

"You cannot watch one set of commercials between innings without a gambling commercial," Sewald said.

"FanDuel. DraftKings. MGM. Caesars. We're promoting the hell out of this, and then to say, 'Oh, I don't know what guys are gambling?' "

When MLB banned San Diego's Tucupita Marcano for life this past week after betting on baseball while playing for the Pittsburgh Pirates and suspended four other players for one year, it was to serve as a warning for other players as a reminder that it's illegal to bet on baseball.

"It's tough because it's such a fine line," Sewald said. "The more people that bet on our sport, the more people are watching. The more people watch, the richer we all get, right?

"But it's such a slippery slope because it's an addiction that people cannot stop. People get aggressive in this mode. We're talking about real money, and they're gambling with money that they don't have.

"And it's never been easier to gamble. Everyone can do it in their phone. This isn't like illegal bookie stuff or sketchy stuff. Anyone can do it as easily as they want."

It's too late to stop baseball's affair with gambling. Gambling is far too lucrative to owners to halt all of the promotions, sponsorships and advertisements from gambling sites.

Yet unless the promotions and advertisements start to at least be curtailed from their own network and games, until fans' harassment, threats and intimidation stop, don't be surprised if gambling scandals become as much a fabric in baseball as pine tar.

MLB will soon implement an automatic strike zone, likely in 2026, sparing the umpires of all of the vitriol they receive. If you're an umpire, do you really want the threats that await if you happen to miss a pitch in late innings?

"When that happens, you watch," Allen says, "it will be a huge thing where people will start betting on automatic strikes. If they do the challenge system, there will be an over-under on how many times somebody challenges the ball and strikes in a game. How many are overturned? How many are wrong. They'll start having (betting) lines for that, you just watch."

Yes, so don't forget to stop by the Caesars Sportsbook when you walk through the gates of Chase Field to catch the Diamondbacks. Who needs to sit in the Wrigley Field bleachers when you can hang outside the ballpark at the DraftKings Sportsbook? Why brave the elements watching your first-place Cleveland Guardians when you can plop inside at the Fanatics Sportsbook at Progressive Field?

Oh, and if you're a baseball player, please adhere to Rule 21, prohibiting you from gambling on baseball, but if you want to share some inside information with your gambling friends, hey, just don't get caught.

The genie is out of the gambling bottle, death threats, corruption and consequences be damned.

Besides, who needs integrity when there's a revenue stream pouring oceans of gambling money into the game with everyone getting rich, right?

### **Brennan**

Continued from Page 1C

continuing to set records for TV ratings and attendance in her first eye-popping month in the WNBA as she did in NCAA basketball, it would have been inevitable: She would catapult U.S. women's basketball to a place it so richly has deserved but has never attained - coverage from broadcasters and news organizations not just in the U.S. but around the world, headlines every day, and most important, vastly increased respect from a still male-dominated international sports media that has for decades focused almost exclusively on the U.S. men's basketball team rather than the women, who are so good they haven't lost since 1992.

But following Clark would have meant following much more than Clark. She would have introduced all those Olympic viewers and readers – many of whom are not big sports fans and have never watched a women's Olympic basketball game – to the entire U.S. team.

You've never watched Breanna Stewart on one of her two previous Olympic teams? You would have been watching her this summer because America's interest and even obsession with Clark would have brought you there. Same goes for Brittney Griner, assuming she's healthy.

But Clark isn't coming to Paris, unless someone withdraws or is injured. Clark won't be there to bring the casual sports fan who fell in love with her at Iowa and now knows the difference between ION and Prime to finally and rightfully watch Diana Taurasi and

Jackie Young at the Olympics.

She won't be there, so all those fans won't be there, because they're never there. And one could only have imagined the global appeal of Clark once writers and reporters from around the world dropped in and watched a few logo 3s fall from the sky and a few hundred more autographs be recorded for posterity. Perhaps little girls in Europe and Africa would have been just as entranced as girls in America are. That's not happening anymore, and it's all on USA Basketball, whose mission statement fascinatingly includes "promoting, growing and elevating the game at all levels." (Seems to be Caitlin Clark's job description these days.)

Because this great opportunity to publicize international women's basketball has been eliminated, the vast majority of broadcasters and reporters will be able to focus as they always have on the swimmers and gymnasts and runners, and leave the U.S. women's basketball team alone.

I've watched all this happen in real time. I've covered at least five of the U.S. women's gold medal basketball games at the Olympics, plus countless other women's basketball stories at the five other Summer Games I've attended. When I've looked around and seen a half-empty press tribune and wondered why, the answer I received from my peers always was that the Americans are just too good for their own good. People already know they're going to win. And they're right.

But something strange and potentially much most impactful is percolating around the snub of Clark. Two sources, both longtime U.S. basketball veterans with decades of experience in

the women's game, told me Friday that concern about how Clark's millions of fans would react to what would likely be limited playing time on a stacked roster was a factor in the decision making.

If true, that would be an extraordinary admission of the existence of real tension that the old guard of women's basketball harbors for this multimilliondollar sensation. The two people spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

But if the players and USA Basketball officials think not having Clark in Paris means people won't be talking about Clark around them, well, that's just not going to happen. It's a sure thing that one of the first questions they will receive at their opening press conference at the Games will be: "Why isn't Caitlin Clark here?"

And if the team is missing 3's, or has a scare, or doesn't play well, or, horrors, loses, Clark's name won't be far behind and likely will become omnipresent back on the homefront.

Speaking of 3's, there seems to be a notion out there that Clark didn't deserve to be put on the team on merit. That's ridiculous. First of all, the decision is subjective, so you can make a case for just about anyone and everyone.

But how about some statistics? Clark is 13th in the WNBA in points per game. (Taurasi is 15th.) Clark is fourth in assists per game. (Sabrina Ionescu, 8th; Kelsey Plum, 11th; and Jewell Loyd, 14th, all are on the list for the Olympic team.) Clark is second in 3-pointers made, two ahead of Taurasi.

In her first 10 games, Clark scored more than 150 points and had more than 50 rebounds and 50 assists, a feat previ-

ously accomplished only by Ionescu in WNBA history. She also became the first rookie and only the fourth player ever in the league to record 30 points, five rebounds, five assists, three steals and three blocks in a game, joining Taurasi, Stewart and Angel McCoughtry.

Just hours before she found out she wasn't going to be on the Olympic team, Clark made a WNBA rookie record-tying seven 3's and scored 30 points in front of the largest WNBA crowd in 17 years: 20,333 in D.C., more than double the crowd Chicago drew the night before in the same arena. She became the first player in WNBA history with 200 points and 75 assists in her first 12 career games.

And then USA Basketball dumped ner.

Clark has done all of this while facing the fiercest defensive pressure statistically in the league. No one has received the kind of attention she has as a rookie. She is not the best player in the league, but she's clearly the most important.

Never given a real chance to try out – USA Basketball preposterously scheduled her tryout during the Women's Final Four, when she was leading Iowa to the national title game for a second consecutive season – Clark now has been told by the U.S. national governing body of basketball one simple word: No.

No, Caitlin Clark, we don't want you on our Olympic team.

I've seen some bad team and athlete selection decisions in the 40 years I've covered the Olympics, but this is the worst by far. Then again, we probably shouldn't be surprised. As we've known for years, the last amateurs left in the Olympic Games are the people running them.

# Trust your eyes: Alcaraz a 'mega talent'



**Dan Wolken** Columnist

A trip through the social media archives reveals that the first time I watched Carlos Alcaraz play tennis was Feb. 19, 2020.

Just 16 years old but already a buzzworthy talent among those in the know, Alcaraz had been granted a wild-card entry to the ATP tournament in Rio de Janeiro playing Federico Coria, a longtime pro on the fringe of the top 100.

Alcaraz would lose the match in three sets. But 30 minutes of viewing, he had won my conviction that the hype was deserved.

"I've seen enough on Alcaraz. Mega talent," I posted to X that evening.

The purpose of sharing that is not to pat myself on the back for a banal observation from a few thousand miles away. If there were a line of people trying to buy stock in Alcaraz back then, it would have already stretched around a full city block.

But in a sports world that has become so much more driven by data, sometimes it's really as simple as trusting your eyes.

From the moment he showed up on the scene, Alcaraz has been a "trust your eyes" All-Star. And now, just a month past his 21st birthday, he's a three-time Grand Slam champion.

Alcaraz defeated Alexander Zverev 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 in the French Open final on Sunday, cementing himself at the top of this era in a way that has seemed both inevitable and yet breathtakingly fast.

He's won Grand Slams on hard court, grass and clay – the first man ever to win his first three on different surfaces.

He's three-fourths of the way to the career Slam, needing only an Australian Open to join Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Andre Agassi, Roy Emerson, Rod Laver and Fred Perry.

If he never played another match, he's already an all-time great.

And yet it's only the beginning, with so, so much more room to grow.

Predictions about how far he can go? With this kid, it's useless. Time is his friend, and his talent still needs to be molded and harnessed in some ways to optimize his game.

There's a heck of a long way between three Grand Slam titles and Djokovic's record of 24 and plenty of things that can go wrong in the next decade and a half of Alcaraz's career. But Djokovic



Carlos Alcaraz celebrates winning the French Open men's singles final against Alexander Zverev on Sunday at Roland Garros. SUSAN MULLANE/USA TODAY SPORTS

may want to get over this knee injury and try to sneak in one or two more just in case.

That's not what the numbers would say. But it is absolutely what your eyes tell you about just how much game and guts this kid has in his bag.

Sunday's final against Zverev was a bit like Alcaraz's career so far. The highs were very, very high. There were also some odd, inexplicable lows at moments where he had a clear opportunity for an early knockout.

But in the end, when it was all on the line, Alcaraz had the discipline and focus and belief in his game that his opponent did not. That's not a coincidence, either. It's who he has always been in the big moments.

At the 2022 US Open, Alcaraz had to survive three consecutive five-setters to get to the final.

At Wimbledon last summer, he did something that seemed almost impossible by outlasting Djokovic in five sets.

And at this French Open, which started with questions about a forearm injury that had limited him in lead-up tournaments, he was by far the more confident and better player in the fifth set

against both Zverev in the final and Jannik Sinner in the semifinals.

The thing about Alcaraz – and what jumped off the screen so clearly even at age 16 – is that his combination of bold shot making and canniness in deploying his array of weapons has almost no equal or precedent in the history of the sport.

He does not have the biggest or best serve on tour and is susceptible to being broken more than other top players. He often makes more unforced errors than it seems like he should. He has odd dips within matches where he seems to lose focus and get himself in trouble out of nowhere.

All of that happened against Zverev. Alcaraz should have easily won the third set, then collapsed out of nowhere and had to figure out a way to get back even in the fourth. It was totally unnecessary for this match to go five sets. It was also an opportunity to show once again how amazing this young Spaniard is under pressure and how he uses both offense and defense to create conflict for opponents in ways nobody else currently playing the game can pull off.

Barring a lack of motivation or injury

– always a concern with his physical style of tennis – Alcaraz should get better. Maybe even a lot better. His serve can still become more of a difference-maker. He can still cut some fat from his game, do a better job controlling the impulse to go for a highlight-reel shot when a standard rally ball would be the better choice.

At the same time, the daring creativity Alcaraz brings to the table is often what separates him from guys like Zverev, who prefer a kind of game where they can camp behind the baseline and rhythmically hit ground strokes all day.

The comparison is a bit trite at this point, but Alcaraz truly is a combination of Federer's offensive skill set, Nadal's competitiveness and Djokovic's all-court movement, with a tactical mind far beyond his years.

Even as someone who was sold on him a long time ago, winning three Grand Slam titles at this stage of his career is beyond what anyone could have expected.

But it's happening, and it's not going to stop anytime soon. Trust your eyes because they're not lying to you. He really is this special.

# Coco Gauff claims doubles title

Field Level Media | Reuters

Coco Gauff captured her first Grand Slam doubles tennis title Sunday, winning the French Open final in straight sets with partner Katerina Siniakova.

Gauff, 20, and her teammate from the Czech Republic defeated Italians Jasmine Paolini and Sarra Errani 7-6 (5), 6-3 in Paris.

Gauff, the 2023 US Open singles champion, lost both of her previous Grand Slam tournament doubles finals at Roland Garros in 2022 and the US Open in 2021.

oen in 2021. "Third time's a charm. Thank you, Katerina, for playing with me," Gauff said. "We decided two days before the tournament to play together. Thank you to the fans. I know 11:30 Sunday morning is early for most people. It's early for me."

Gauff was the only player who didn't lose her serve in the 1-hour, 47-minute match. Gauff and Siniakova trailed 5-4 in the first set and fell behind 5-3 in the tiebreak before rallying.

Gauff and Siniakova dropped only one set in the tournament.

Paolini also finished runner-up in the singles competition, losing to Poland's Iga Swiatek on Saturday.



and
Katerina
Siniakova
captured
the
women's
doubles
title in the
French
Open.
SUSAN
MULLANE/

Coco

Gauff, left,

MULLANE/ USA TODAY SPORTS

### **Schad**

Continued from Page 1C

"They obviously have an elite offense," Bobrovsky said on the bench afterward, speaking with ESPN. "It was a really hard game. They are really smart players. And it was a fun challenge."

### Did it all

Edmonton is going to have a very difficult time winning this series if it con-

They entered play as pretty heavy underdogs, anyway.

The Oilers' 25-year-old goalie, Stuart Skinner, who has had five bad games this postseason, who has been pulled by his coach this postseason, gave up early goals to Carter Verhaeghe and Evan Rodrigues, falling in a 2-0 hole while facing few shots.

As we have learned time after time in this postseason, shot attempts can mean little.

Florida has a significant edge in goal

and that's the most important position on the ice, just as quarterback is so clearly the most important position on the football field.

The Panthers are deep and strong and so effective on the penalty kill.

The Panthers have the valuable experience of their run to the Stanley Cup Final in 2023.

They are balanced and patient and steady. And physical, too.

### Panthers are better in goal and more balanced, too

Edmonton is so top-heavy, with McDavid and Leon Draisaitl, the German sharpshooter, taking up so much attention and so much of the scoring load.

It was 10 total shots for McDavid and Draisaitl on Saturday, and well, you know how many entered Florida's goal.

The pressure on Edmonton's players must be immense, carrying the weight of a nation – Canada – which somehow has not won a Stanley Cup since 1993.

"USA! USA!" Panthers fans chanted here in the second period.

No matter that Bobrovsky is Russian. And star Aleksander Barkov is Finnish. And that Matthew Tkachuk is from Canada. He's a Florida Man, now!

And it is clear the former Calgary Flame is not a friendly rival of the Oilers players.

Things may get progressively chipper in this Final.

"Bob-by!" Panthers fans chanted here in the third.

### **Panthers frustrate Oilers**

The Oilers showed frustration in this one. That's because they often did control play. And they often did get the better chances.

But *this* Bobrovsky is going to be hard to beat.

It's hard to even recall that in each of the previous two preseasons, Florida tried to lean on other goalies, with Bobrovsky benched.

Was Bobrovsky washed up? Was Bobrovsky done? Was Bobrovsky a buyout candidate?

Florida tried to roll with youngster Spencer Knight in 2022.

Florida tried to go with journeyman Alex Lyon in 2023.

And then, well, Bobrovsky rediscovered Bobrovsky.

He has three career postseason shutouts, all in the last two seasons.

He had *none* in the first 12 seasons of

his Hall of Fame career.

With the trust of coach Paul Maurice and his superbly sound defensive system, Bobrovsky has regenerated.

They say he is a relentless worker.

They say he is consistent in his routine.

We know that he can be ob-so-spec-

We know that he can be oh-so-spectacular. He is an acrobat with a goalie mask.

Bobrovsky rarely says much. Nobody seems quite sure how Bobrovsky rediscovered Bobrovsky.

But did he ever.
Is there anyone more locked into

their job at the moment than Bob?

They say McDavid is the best player in the world. He's led the league in scoring five times. He's been league MVP three times.

No matter on Saturday. What mattered was this: In Game 1, Bobovsky was the best player in Sunrise.

**STANLEY CUP FINAL** GAME 1 WINNERS AND LOSERS

# Panthers take first step toward first title

**Mike Brehm USA TODAY** 

The Florida Panthers are one step closer to their first Stanley Cup championship and they have goalie Sergei Bobrovsky to thank for their Game 1 win on Saturday night.

Bobrovsky made 32 saves, including breakaway stops on Adam Henrique and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, on the way to a 3-0 victory against the Edmonton Oilers for a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Stanley Cup Final.

The Panthers got goals from Carter Verhaeghe, Evan Rodrigues and Eetu Luostarinen to pick up just their second win in three trips to the championship round.

The Oilers figured out a way to get around a Panthers forecheck that frustrated other Florida playoff opponents but they weren't able to capitalize.

Game 2 is Monday (8 p.m. EDT, ABC) in Sunrise, Florida.

A closer look at Game 1:

### Winners

Panthers goalie Sergei Bobrovsky: With his shutout, he has given up two or fewer goals in 11 of his past 12 games. Even on his few puck-handling mistakes, he fought back to keep the puck out of the net

Oilers offense: You couldn't ask for much more other than the score. They generated chances, particularly on the power play, and got several breakaways, only to be thwarted by Bobrovsky.

Panthers forward Sam Bennett: He had a game-high 11 hits and made a nice play setting up the Evan Rodrigues goal.

### Losers

Oilers defensemen Darnell Nurse and Cody Ceci: They were on the ice for the Panthers' first two goals, and Bennett beat Ceci to the puck before feeding Rodrigues. Coach Kris Knoblauch had put the pairing back together for Game 1. Nurse has a minus 15 plus-minus in the playoffs.

Panthers' discipline: They were short-handed three times and two penalties could have been avoided. The Oilers are dangerous on the power play, and the Panthers can't afford to be short-handed too many times.

Connor McDavid roughed up: He was dangerous with six shots but also absorbed one of Bennett's big hits. He also ended up with a cut on his chin, which he said happened on another

### What the Panthers said after the game

Much of their comments were about the play of Bobrovsky.

"His preparation is incredible," forward Matthew Tkachuk told reporters. "His work ethic, his character; he's everything you want in a teammate."

Said Bobrovsky to ABC: "It was a hard game. They're really smart players and



Panthers goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky defends against Oilers forward Connor McDavid during the first period. JIM RASSOL/USA TODAY SPORTS

it was a fun challenge."

### What the Oilers said after the game

McDavid said there was a lot to like about the Oilers' play in Game 1.

"We generated chances," he told re-

porters. "We had looks, not a lot of puck luck around the net."

Knoblauch said the Oilers will need to improve in Game 2.

"Florida, that probably wasn't their best game," Knoblauch said. "We anticipate them to be much better the next

# Oklahoma 'did the impossible' with fourth consecutive softball title



Joe Mussatto The Oklahoman USA TODAY NETWORK

OKLAHOMA CITY - Not one, not two, not three ...

And for the Oklahoma Sooners, the fourth was the hardest.

Division I college softball had never seen a four-peat national champion. Not until Thursday night in Oklahoma City, where Oklahoma beat Texas 8-4 to sweep the Women's College World Series championship series.

"People say, 'Let's go win one,' Sooners coach Patty Gasso said. "You're like, 'OK.' It's not like that. It's very difficult. Everything has to go right. The thing about them is they're resilient. They have a lot of pride in that.

"With that, it's hard for me to comprehend."

It's been a presidential term of dominance for the Sooners. The Fab Five of Rylie Boone, Kinzie Hansen, Nicole May, Tiare Jennings and Jayda Coleman have 20 rings between them. They won as freshmen, won as seniors, won as sophomores and juniors.

'This one was the hardest one that I've ever had to work for in my life," Jennings said. "This team, the adversity that we went through, we did it and we overcame everything."

'This team has fought and fought all season long," Hansen said.

Added Boone: "This was the most grinding one."

A four-peat.

It's ridiculous, really. A feat without precedence on the softball diamond. Four seasons ending in dogpiles and confetti angels, of the Sooners flipping bats and raising trophies.

"We expect ourselves here, which is crazy to expect yourself winning the national championship every year," May



Oklahoma softball players celebrate winning the Women's College World Series championship series on Thursday in Oklahoma City. BRYAN TERRY/THE OKLAHOMAN

Four-peats have only happened on other fields of play. Among the notable ones this century: Penn State volleyball (2007-10), UConn women's basketball (2013-16), Oklahoma men's gymnastics (2015-18).

In Division I, only the Stanford men's gymnastics program, with five straight, has a longer active streak of national championships. Twelve teams compete in Division I men's gymnastics compared to softball's 291.

"We knew it was historic," Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said on the field after the game. "Of course we wanted to finish it off. I don't know that I can truly verbalize how magnificent this

May also struggled to describe it.

"Being a part of something that hasn't been done before is pretty special, especially with this group," May said. "I don't think it'll hit me, it never hits me for another couple weeks."

Oklahoma softball joins Southern Cal beach volleyball and Virginia women's swimming and diving in active fourpeats.

Needless to stay, college softball is played on a much grander stage.

A championship record crowd of 12,324 packed Devon Park. Those who didn't have a seat were lined up three and four deep on the concourse. Every pitch landed with a thud of anxious anticipation. Then the Sooners broke the game open with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The Sooner-heavy crowd was jubilant.

In the seventh inning, Boone told herself not to cry.

"Please don't do that," Boone said, "because if they hit a grand slam I'm kinda screwed."

Gasso even toyed with Texas, at least it seemed, en route to winning her eight national title - tying former Arizona

coach Mike Candrea for the most in softball history. Gasso and pitching coach Jennifer Rocha tinkered with their pitching rotation like never before.

The Sooners started Liberty transfer Karlie Keeney in the circle. The only move more surprising than that was who replaced her: Wisconsin transfer Paytn Monticelli. The Sooners used their No. 4 and 5 pitchers to open a national championship close-out game.

May followed, then Kierston Deal. Finally, it was Kelly Maxwell who entered as closer. Maxwell was named the WCWS Most Outstanding Player.

"It worked exactly how it was supposed to," Gasso said. "To a T."

It was a difficult year for Maxwell, ostracized for crossing Bedlam lines and transferring in after four years at Oklahoma State.

The rest of the Sooners concocted obstacles if necessary.

"Everybody hates us, no one wants us to win anymore, but that's fine," May said. "We just got a fourth, so it's OK."

The three-time defending champs convinced themselves that they were underdogs entering the series against No. 1-seeded Texas – a team they had split four games against during the regular season and Big 12 tournament.

'There were so many times that we could've been defeated ... 'Are they gonna do it, are they not?' But we just fought," Boone said. "There was a lot of failure, more than what at least this class is used to and this team is used to. The adversity, I think it helped us be able to stand here and say that we won a fourth one."

The Sooners have been crowned champs in six of the last eight Women's College World Series. In what used to be a West Coast-dominated sport, this century has belonged to Gasso's Soon-

Eight national championships. Four in four years.

"Just unreal," said Jennings, still catching her breath. "We just did the impossible."

To view more Classified listings,

visit: classifieds.usatoday.com

### MARKETPLACE TODAY

For advertising information: 1.800.397.0070 www.russelljohns.com/usat

### **NOTICES PERSONALS**

Desire friendship, romance Free brochure, Since 1991. Send S.A.S.E to: P.I.C., BOX 4601-USA Thousand Oaks CA 91359.

### **GET NOTICED!** Advertise in

**USA TODAY** MARKETPLACE. To Advertise, Call: (800) 397-0070

### **CAREERS**

**EMPLOYMENT** 

BEAUTIFUL SMILES BY DESIGN is in Dalton and Calhoun GA. We are looking for a General and/or pediatric Dentist at our Dalton location to lead our Practice growth. Our Practices are ultra-high tech, designed to provide premium dentistry to all our patients. We offer excellent compensation and benefits package. Mentorship for implants, Orthodontics, Molar Root canals available. Beautiful Smiles by Design. Tel: (919) 423 6386. E-mail: elinahc@beautifulsmilesdentistry.com

FULL-TIME GENERAL DENTIST Opportunity in Bellingham. WA \$10,000 signing bonus. Our Mt Vernon office is seeking a full time General Dentist to support this growing community. Located just over an hour away from Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC, this is a great location that is close to major metro areas while still having a community feel. At Gentle Dental, we value our teammate's smile as much as our patient's smile Come ioin our team and make a difference in the lives of the people in your community! Email: rabitoye@interdent.com

ADVERTISE IN USA TODAY MARKETPLACE. To Advertise, Call: (800) 397-0070

### **BUSINESS**

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES** 



otice of Fair Solicitation for advertisers wishing to reach moving consumers. These opportunities include advertising in U.S. Postal Service® change-of-address products including the Mover's

Guide®, MoversGuide Online®, Mover Validation Letter, Customer Notification Letter, and Welcome Kit. These products provide vital information and savings to moving households.

If interested in advertising in these products, go to https://mymove.com/ partner-with-us/ or address inquiries to 1423 Red Ventures Dr. Fort Mill, SC 29707

### BUSINESS **OPPORTUNITIES**

**NEVADA LITHIUM** 

5000+Acre Drill Ready Project adjacent to LI Clay Pilot Plants 12 Month Flip 100M Comp ISO 775k. Institutional Partner (877)-NV-LI-EXP 685-4397

**SUCCESSFUL ADVERTISEMENTS START WITH USA TODAY.** 

To advertise, call: (800) 397-0070

### **TRAVEL**

### "The Happiest Place in Montana" **Boulder Creek Lodge**

**CAMPGROUNDS** 

The Premier Family Vacation Destination "The Happiest Place in Montana" - Boulder Creek Lodge in Hall, Montana is

Highlights within an hour of Boulder Creek Lodge include a glimpse into the Wild West by visiting the amazing Garnet Ghost Town where you can walk around a town frozen in time since 1900. Plan on spending the day visiting the western legends of outlaw at the Territorial Prison with a stop at the Antique Car Museum down the road from the Grant-Kohrs Ranch, a historical farming legend of the West in Deer Lodge, Montana. In nearby Phillipsburg, Montana, you can pan for gems and sapphires like those in the Wild West did 150 years ago at Montana gems located on Main Street. Be sure to visit the Sweet Palace, an incredible candy store featuring salt water taffy made on site, sure to be a family favorite.

**Boulder Creek Lodge Montana** Call 406-859-3190 www.bouldercreeklodgemontana.com

# Kidd points out Brown as best Celtic

**Jeff Zillgitt** 

USA TODAY

BOSTON - His intentions unclear, Dallas Mavericks coach Jason Kidd tossed accelerant into the NBA Finals fire by calling Jaylen Brown Boston's

If the first time Kidd said it didn't register, he said it again.

"Well, Jaylen's their best player," Kidd said Saturday.

It got a reaction immediately from reporters in the room, and Kidd continued: "Just looking at what he does defensively. He picked up Luka (Doncic) full court. He got to the free-throw line. He did everything, and that's what your best player does. Just understanding he

plays both sides defensively and offen-

sively at a high rate, and he's been doing that the whole playoffs."

Does Kidd really believe that Brown is Boston's best player - and not Jayson Tatum? Is Kidd trying to lull Brown into complacency? Is Kidd trying to get inside the head of Tatum, who had 16 points on 6-for-16 shooting, 11 rebounds, five assists and six turnovers in the Celtics' 107-89 victory in Game 1 Thursday? Brown had 22 points, six rebounds, three steals and three blocks in Game 1.



Celtics guard Jaylen Brown blocks a shot by Mavericks forward Derrick Jones Jr. during Game 1 of the NBA Finals on Thursday. DAVID BUTLER II/USA TODAY SPORTS

What point was Kidd trying to make? Was it wise for him to inflame the situa-

Kidd made his comments ahead of Game 2 Sunday and before the Celtics met with the media, so Brown, Tatum and Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla had an opportunity to address Kidd's declaration. For the record, Tatum is recognized widely as Boston's best player - he has four All-NBA selections, including first team in 2022-23 and 2023-24, and Brown has one (second team in 2022-

The Celtics were not interested in getting involved.

"I don't have no reaction," Brown said, adding, "It's a team game. We're trying to focus on that, and everybody has their own opinions."

Said Tatum: "No reaction. This is a team sport, right. We understand that. We wouldn't be here if we didn't have JB on our team, and we can say that for a lot of guys, right. We have all played a part in getting to where we're at, and we understand that people try to drive a wedge between us. I guess it's a smart thing to do or try to do.

"We've been in this position for many of years of guys trying to divide us and say that one of us should be traded or one is better than the other. So it's not our first time at rodeo."

Mazzulla wasn't interested in confronting Kidd's comments either.

"Just need to focus on the truth," he said. "At the end of the day, nobody knows because they are not in the locker room. And so I think as long as we focus on the truth, we focus on the things that we talk about every day, we focus on the relationships that we build with each other, we focus on just that stuff."

# \$750,000 tanking decision helped lift Mavs

**Jeff Zillgitt** 

BOSTON - Losing for Lively was not a popular tanking catchphrase in the NBA last season.

But tanking worked for the Dallas

They lost a game to the Chicago Bulls, protected a top-10 draft pick and traded it to get Dereck Lively II.

He made an immediate and impactful contribution to the rotation and is one of the main reasons the Mavericks are in the NBA Finals.

But the Mavericks' choice - a costly one in more ways than one - was un $popular\,with\,many, particularly\,those\,in$ the NBA league office.

The Mavericks were in the mix for a spot in the play-in game format, but to keep their lottery pick, which was top-10 protected, they wanted to miss the postseason.

Had the Mavs made the play-in, they wouldn't have been in the top 10 and would've had to give the pick to New York as part of a previous trade involving Kristaps Porzingis, who now plays for Boston.

So, the Mavs lost a game to Chicago on April 7, 2023 – a game in which Luka Doncic played just under 13 minutes and Kyrie Irving, Maxi Kleber, Christian Wood, Tim Hardaway Jr. and Josh Green did not play. And they missed the postseason.

The league was irate and fined the



The Mavericks' Dereck Lively II dunks against the Celtics during Game 1 of the NBA Finals at TD Garden. PETER CASEY, USA TODAY SPORTS

Mavericks \$750,000 "for conduct detrimental to the league in an elimination game," the NBA said in a news release.

NBA executive vice president/head of basketball operations Joe Dumars said the Mavericks' decision "undermined the integrity of our sport" and their actions "failed our fans and our league."

However, the Mavericks made a minor draft-day trade, swapping their No. 10 pick for Oklahoma City's No. 12 pick, and selected Duke center Lively.

Lively immediately became a significant part of Dallas' rotation - an active two-way big man who excels in the pickand-roll, setting screens, catching lobs for dunks and protecting the rim. He averaged 8.8 points, 6.9 rebounds, 1.4 blocks and 1.1 assists and shot 74.7% from the field in 23.5 minutes per game as the Mavs went 50-32. With Lively on the court, the Mavericks scored 120.6 points per 100 possessions, which makes them one of the league's top offensive teams.

The Mavs beat three 50-win teams in the Western Conference playoffs. Lively again was a big part of that success, averaging 8.2 points, 7.1 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.1 blocks in 21.5 minutes per

Then-Mavs majority owner Mark Cuban and general manager Nico Harrison decided to lose so they could improve. It's hard to argue against their plan to-

"In terms of what Dallas did last year, we sanctioned them," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Thursday before Game 1. "We did what we thought was appropriate at the time. I would only say that the success they saw this season, that they're now seeing in the playoffs and here they are at the Finals, I don't attribute it to one draft pick, as important as that draft pick has been to their team."

Silver is partially correct. It was a team effort, and Doncic and Irving, among others, were necessary components. It's a team game. But Lively's contributions were a significant factor.

Lively knew the Mavs were interested, and he was interested in playing for the Mays.

"I was hoping I could go to Dallas because I knew I could make an impact," Lively said. "I knew what they needed is what I can do. I was sitting there with my fingers crossed hoping I could get to Dallas. Grateful that I was able to get drafted to Dallas.

"Our first workout, when we played 5-on-5 and me and Luka were on the same team, everybody saw what could possibly happen throughout the season, and it's not a surprise we got this far."

Losing for Lively turned into playing in the Finals.

# Celtics win long-distance game

USA TODAY

BOSTON - Boston's first shot attempt in Game 1 was a

The Celtics' next six shots were 3-pointers. Just one went in. Three 3s were on the same possession when the Celtics had consecutive offensive rebounds on missed shots.

Of Boston's first 13 shots, 10 were 3-pointers. They made four and were on the way to crushing Dallas 107-89 in the NBA Finals opener.

The Celtics made 16 3s, shot 38.1% from that distance and outscored the Mavericks by 27 points on 3s.

They play their style of basketball at a high rate," Mavericks coach Jason Kidd said. "They generated 27 3s there in the first half, and made I think 11 of them. So, we have to be better. We can't give them seven made 3s in the first quarter."

The 3-pointer's importance in today's NBA has been emphasized over and over. But the shot is ingrained in Boston's offensive DNA.

The Celtics are not swayed by makes or misses. They are swayed by philosophy, and a main tenet of Boston coach Joe Mazzulla's is high-volume attempts.

No team has attempted more the past two seasons than the Celtics. This season they led the NBA in attempted 3s per game (42.5) and made 3s per game (16.5) and were No. 2 in 3point percentage (.387).

Mazzulla and the Celtics are unapologetic. Boston scored 122.2 points per 100 possessions in 2023-24, which is an all-time high. The Celtics can get three players at least 20 points in a game, and four even in this series – is realistic.

During the regular season, the Celtics had eight rotation players (Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown, Jrue Holiday, Kristaps Porzingis, Derrick White, Sam Hauser, Al Horford and Payton Pritchard) who attempted at least four 3s per game and four players averaged at least 5.9. Of those eight players, seven shot 37% or better.

"Their pacing is great, and they have a lot of shooters," Dallas guard Luka Doncic said. "We have to do a better job taking those 3s away. ... That's what hurt us the most.

Limiting Boston's offense, especially its 3-point shooting, is a challenge for any team. Boston often has five players on the perimeter, which already begins to stretch the defense and create spacing the Celtics seek. Brown and Tatum are dribble-drive threats and command double-teams.

'When you get multiple bodies on the ball, that's when the 3 comes into play," Kidd said.

If you don't double-team one of them, they are capable of beating defenders off the dribble for their own shot or passing to open shooters – at the 3point line.

This is not feast or famine or live by the 3, die by the 3. The Celtics have so many shooters that one or two can have an off night and they can absorb it. They don't have extended shooting slumps: They shot 33% or less from 3 in consecutive games just three times this season. It's certainly possible they have a bad game shooting and lose a game or two.

Porzingis as the third-best offensive option is a luxury most teams don't have. He scored 18 of his 20 points in the first half of Game 1 and made 2 of 4 3s. White, Holiday and Horford were a combined 9for-18 from 3, and while Tatum wasn't spectacular with his scoring, he still made 3 of 7 from that range.

### **LEGAL MONDAY**

For advertising information: 1.800.872.3433 www.marketplace.usatoday.com

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

CRYSTALLEX INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION,

v. Plaintiff,

Delivarian REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA,

Defendant.

) Misc. No. 17-151-LPS

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE, BIDDING PROCEDURES, AND SALE HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

On January 14, 2021, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") issued an opinion and corresponding order setting forth certain contours for the sale of the shares of PDV Holding, Inc. ("PDVH") owned by Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. ("PDVSA") in connection with the above-captioned proceeding, in furtherance thereof, the Court appointed Robert B. Pinious as Special master (the "Special Master") on April 13, 2021 to assist the Court with the sale of PDVSA's shares of PDVH. The Special Master is advised by Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP ast transaction counsel, and Evercore Group L.L. Cas investment banker. On October 11, 2022, the Court entered an order (Docket Mo. 481) (the "Sale Procedures Order") (i) approving the bidding procedures, substantially in the form attached to the Sale Procedures Order (i) approving the bidding procedures; "); (ii) setting the timeframe for potential bidders to submit a proposal to purchase the shares of PDVH and scheduling a tentative hearing with respect to the approval of the sale (the "Sale Hearing"); (iii) authorizing and approving the Notice Procedures for the foregoing; and (iv) granting related relief.

Assett to be Sold: Shares of PDVH
Interested parties may submit bide for the purchase of the sale Procedures of PDVH.

the sale (the "Sale Hearing"); (iii) authorizing and approving the Notice Procedures for the foregoing; and (iv) granting related relief.

Assets to be Sold: Shares of PDVH

Interested parties may submit bids for the purchase and sale of some or all of the shares of PDVH in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Bidding Procedures. To avoid any ambiguity, parties may submit bids for less than 100% of the shares of PDVH so long as such bid satisfies the Attached Judgments.

PDVH is the sole shareholder and direct parent of CITGO Holding, Inc., which in turn is the sole shareholder and direct parent of CITGO Petroleum Corporation.

Important Dates and Deadlines

• Round 2: Deadline to Submit Binding Bids. Any person or entity interested in participating in the sale of shares of PDVH is encouraged to submit a Binding Bid on or before Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (prevailing lastern Time).

• Notice of Successful Bid. As soon as reasonably practicable following selection of a Successful Bid (the Special Master may conduct further bidding rounds before selection of a Successful Bidder).

• Sale Objection Deadlines, To be determined following completion of Round 2.

• Sale Hearing. A further Notice will detail the final proposed date of any Sale Hearing.

Additional Information

Any party interested in submitting a bid should contact the Special Master's investment banker, Evercore (com); and Stephen Goldstein (stephen goldstein@evercore.com); Jasvad Ying (ying@evercore.com); Javad Ying (y

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE BIDDING PROCEDURES, THE SALE PROCEDURES ORDER, OR ANY OTHER ORDER OF THE COURT MAY RESULT INTHE REJECTION OF YOUR BID.
Dated: June 3, 2024

1. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Sale Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures (each, as defined herein), as applicable. Any summary of the Sale Procedures Order or the Bidding Procedures contained herein is qualified in its entirety by the actual terms and conditions thereof. To the extent that there is any conflict between any such summary and such actual terms and conditions, the actual terms and conditions, the actual terms and conditions shall control.

For more information on how to place your ad in Legal Monday, call

1-800-8*72*-3433 Toll-free in the U.S. only

### FOR THE RECORD

### All times ET

### **MLB**

AMERICAN	LEAGUE
Foot Divisio	

N.Y. Yankees	45	21	.682	_
Baltimore	42	22	.656	2
Boston	32	33	.492	121/2
Toronto	31	33	.484	13
Tampa Bay	31	34	.477	131/2
Central Division	n			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	42	22	.656	-
Kansas City	39	26	.600	31/2
Minnesota	33	31	.516	9
Detroit	32	33	.492	101/2
Chicago	17	48	.262	251/2
<b>West Division</b>				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	36	30	.545	-
Texas	31	34	.477	41/2
Houston	30	35	.462	51/2
Oakland	26	40	.394	10
L.A. Angels	24	40	.375	11
National Leagu	ue			
East Division				
2031 D1V131011	W	L	Pct	GB

W L

Pct

Philadelphia Atlanta **Central Division** 

Pct .585 .485 .485 .484 .484 GB 27 34 34 33 33 Milwaukee 6½ 6½ 6½ 6½ 32 31 31 Chicago Pittsburgh St. Louis **West Division** GB L.A. Dodgers .621 .500 .485 .462 .354 San Diego San Francisco Arizona Colorado

Colorado 23 42

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 2
Washington 7, Atlanta 3
San Francisco 3, Texas 1
Pittsburgh 4, Minnesota 0
Toronto 7, Oakland 0
Chicago White Sox 6, Boston 1
Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Milwaukee 5, Detroit 4
Kansas City 8, Seattle 4
Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 0
Colorado 6, St. Louis 5
Cleveland 8, Mismii 0
L.A. Dodgers 11, N.Y. Yankees 3 L.A. Dodgers 11, N.Y. Yankees 3 San Diego 13, Arizona 1 Houston 6, L.A. Angels 1 Houston 6, L.A. Angels 1 Sunday's Games NY. Mets 6, Philadelphia 5 Texas 7, San Francisco 2 Washington 8, Atlanta 5 Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 2 Detroit 10, Milwaukee 2 Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 2 Cleveland 6, Miami 3 St. Louis 5. Colorado 1 St. Louis 5, Colorado 1
Minnesota at Pittsburgh
Boston at Chicago White Sox
Seattle at Kansas City
Houston at L.A. Angels Toronto at Oakland Arizona at San Diego L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Yankees

L.A. Dodgers at N.Y. Yankees

Monday's Games

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:50 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m. Houston at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m. **Tuesday's Games**Atlanta at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.

Washington at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Tampa Bay, 6:50 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 7:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
LA. Angels at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
LA. Angels at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Colicago White Sox at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m. Texas at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

**EASTERN CONFERENCE** 

T Pts GF 5 35 42 3 33 23 23 22 29 24 25 18 3 24 26 6 24 21 7 19 20 7 19 25 17 16 5 17 16 5 17 13 12 ENCE Inter Miami CF Inter Miami Cl Cincinnati NY City FC NY Red Bulls Charlotte FC Toronto FC Columbus Philadelphia Nashville D.C. United Orlando City CF Montreal Atlanta Chicago New England

WESTERN CONFERENCE Pts GF GA 33 36 19 30 28 19 29 28 21 25 24 19 22 18 18 22 29 31 21 32 32 12 18 20 21 18 23 25 14 26 32 14 18 25 11 24 39 point for tie T Pts Los Angeles FC Minnesota LA Galaxy LA Galaxy 7 3 7 28 31 25 Vancouver 7 5 4 25 24 19 Austin FC 6 6 6 5 23 21 25 Houston 6 6 4 22 18 18 Colorado 6 7 4 22 9 31 Portland 5 7 6 21 32 32 Seattle 4 7 6 18 20 21 Saint Louis 3 4 9 18 23 25 Sporting KC 3 9 5 14 26 32 Sporting KC 3 9 5 14 26 32 San Jose 3 11 2 11 24 39 Note: Three points for win, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games New England 1, NY Red Bulls 0 Minnesota 1, FC Dallas 1 Saint Louis 0, Portland 0 Sporting KC 2, Seattle

**NWSL** Friday's Games Racing Louisville 2, Houston 0 San Diego 1, Orlando 1 Saturday's Games NJ/NY Gotham 2, Angel City 1 Bay FC 2, Chicago 1 Washington 1, Utah 0 Portland 1, North Carolina 0 Sunday's Game Kansas City vs. Seattle

### **WNBA**

### **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Connecticut	9	1	.900	_	l			
N.Y. Liberty	11	2	.846	1/2	l			
Atlanta	5	4	.556	31/2	l			
Chicago	4	6	.400	5	l			
Indiana	3	9	.250	7	l			
Washington	0	12	.000	10	l			
WESTERN CON	FER	EN	CE		l			
	W	L	Pct	GB	l			
Minnesota		3	.700	_	l			
Seattle	7	3	.700	_	l			
Las Vegas	5		.625	1	l			
Phoenix	5	6	.455	21/2	l			
Dallas	3	6	.333	31/2	l			
L.A. Sparks	3	7	.300	4	l			
Friday's Games								
Indiana 85, Washington 83								
Seattle 78, Las Vegas					l			

L.A. Sparks 81, Dallas 72 Saturday's Games Sunday's Games N.Y. Liberty 93, Washington 88 penix at Dallas Seattle at Minnesota Las Vegas at L.A. Sparks Monday's Game Indiana at Connecticut, 7 p.m. Tuesday's Games Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Minnesota at Las Vegas, 10 p.m. L.A. Sparks at Seattle, 10 p.m. Wednesday's Game

Thursday's Games Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m. Seattle at Dallas, 7 p.m. Las Vegas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

### **NBA**

Finals (Best-of-7; x- if necessary) Boston Celtics 1, Dallas Mavericks 0 All games on ABC Game 1: Celtics 107, Mavericks 89 Sunday, Game 2: at Boston June 12, Game 3: at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. June 14, Game 4: at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. x-June 17, Game 6: at Boston, 8:30 p.m. x-June 20, Game 6: at Boston, 8:30 p.m. x-June 23, Game 6: at Boston, 8 p.m. Finals

### **NHL**

Stanley Cup Final (Best-of-7; x- if necessary) Florida Panthers 1, Edmonton Oilers 0 All starts at 8 p.m. on ABC Game 1: Panthers 3, Oilers 0 Game 2: Monday, June 10, at Florida Game 3: Thursday, June 13, at Edmonton Game 4: Saturday, June 15, at Edmonton x-Game 5: Tuesday, June 18, at Florida x-Game 6: Friday, June 21, at Edmonton x-Game 7: Monday, June 24, at Florida

### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

Super regionals (Best-of-3 series; x- if necessary) Knoxville: Tennessee 1, Evansville 1 Friday: Tennessee 11, Evansville 6 Saturday: Evansville 10, Tennessee 8 Sunday: Evansville vs. Tennessee

Tallahassee: Florida State 2, UConn 0

Friday: Florida State 24, UConn 4

Saturday: Florida State 10, UConn 8 (12) Charlottesville: Virginia 2, Kansas State 0
Friday: Virginia 7, Kansas State 4
Saturday: Virginia 10, Kansas State 4 Chapel Hill: North Carolina 2. West Virginia 0 Friday: North Carolina 8, West Virginia 6 Saturday: North Carolina 3, West Virginia 1 Saturday: North Carolina 3, West Virginia 1 Lexington: Kentucky 1, Oregon State 0 Saturday: Kentucky 10, Oregon State 0 Sunday: Kentucky vs. Oregon State 2 x-Monday: Oregon St vs. Kentucky, TBD, TBD Athens: North Carolina State 1, Georgia 1 Saturday: N.C. State 18, Georgia 1 Sunday: Georgia 11, N.C. State 2 Monday: N.C. State vs. Georgia, TBD, TBD Clemson: Florida at Clemson Clemson: Florida at Clemson Saturday: Florida 10, Clemson 7 Sunday: Clemson vs. Florida vs. Clemson, TBD, TBD Bryan-College Station: Texas A&M 1, Oregon 0 Saturday: Texas A&M 10, Oregon 6

Sunday: Texas A&M vs. Oregon x-Monday: Oregon vs. Texas A&M, TBD, TBD

### **DEALS**

BAŞEBALL Major League Baseball ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – P Tommy Henry Called Up from Minors. P Logan Allen Desig-

rated for Assignment.
ATLANTA BRAVES – RF Ronald Acuna Jr.
Transferred to 60-Day IL Torn ACL, left knee out for season. Hurston Waldrep Purchased
From Minors.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX – Shane Drohan Designated for Arcisoment. Shano Drohan Designated for Arcisoment. Shano Drohan Pa

From Minors.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – Shane Drohan Designated for Assignment. Shane Drohan Removed From 60-Day IL Recovery from left shoulder surgery. Shane Drohan Recalled From Minors Rehab. Sammy Peralta Purchased From Minors.

CINCINNATI REDS – P Emilio Pagan Placed on 15-Day IL Right lat strain. P Carson Spiers Called Up from Minors.

COLORADO ROCKIES – 2B Brendan Rodgers Placed on 10-Day IL Strained left hamstring. Adael Amador Called Up from Minors.

AAKLAND ATHLETICS – P Alex Wood Transferred to 60-Day IL Left rotator cuff tendinitis. Michel Otanez Purchased From Minors. P Asson Winn Removed From 15-Day IL Right forearm strain.

SEATTLE MARINERS – Tyler Locklear Purchased From Minors. P Matt Bowman Purchased From Minors. P Collin Snider Sent to Minors. P Cellon Snider Sent to Minors. P Collin Snider Sent to Minors. P Levi Stoudt Designated for Assignment. 18 Ty France Placed on 10-Day IL Right heel fracture.

New BetMGM customers can sign up today and get a First Bet Offer up to \$1,500 using bonus code USAT. Just download the BetMGM app, deposit at least \$10 and place your first wager on any game. If your first bet loses, you will receive bonus bets in the amount of your bet (up to \$1.500). Just make sure you use bonus code **USAT** when you sign up. Bet now!

### **ODDS SPONSORED** BY BETMGM.COM

Gannett may earn revenue from sports betting operators for audience refer-rals to betting services. Sports betting operators have no influence over nor are any such revenues in any way dependent on or linked to the newsrooms pendent on or linked to the newsrooms or news coverage. Terms apply, see operator site for Terms and Conditions. Gambling problem? Call 1-800-GAM-BLER CO, DC, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, NJ, OH, PA, TN, VA, WV, WY. Call 877-8-HOPENY or text HOPENY (467369) (NY) HOPENY or text HOPENY (467369) (NY) Call 1-800-327-5050 (MA). 21+ to wager. Please Gamble Responsibly. Call 1-800-NEXT-STEP (AZ), -1800-522-4700 (NV), 1-800-BETS-OFF (IA), 1-800-270-7117 for confidential help (MI), 1-800-981-0023 (PR). In partnership with Kansas Crossing Casino and Hotel. Visit BetMGM.com for Terms & Conditions. US propostional offers part available. IDC promotional offers not available in DC Nevada, New York or Ontario.

### **HORSE RACING**

**156th Belmont Stakes** 

Order of finish
1. Dornoch
2. Mindframe 3. Sierra Leone 4 Honor Marie 5. Antiquarian
6. Protective
7. Seize the Grey

8. Mystik Dan 9. The Wine Steward

10. Resilience **Belmont Stakes payouts**6 - Dornoch Win: \$37.40 PLACE: \$17.60 SHOW: \$8.10
10 - Mindframe PLACE: \$6.80 SHOW: \$4.20
9 - Sierra Leone SHOW: \$2.60
\$1.00 EXACTA: 6-10 \$163.25
\$0.50 TRIFECTA: 6-10- \$23.65.0
\$0.10 SUPERFECTA: 6-10- 9-8 \$320.05
\$1.00 DAILY DOUBLE: 9-6 \$86.50
\$1.00 PICK 3: 2-9-6 \$213.25
\$0.50 PICK 4 4 0F 4: 8,13,14,15,16-2-9-6
\$31.00 PICK 5 5 OF 5: 1-8,13,14,15,16-2-9-6
\$3.972.50
\$1.00 PICK 6 5 OF 6: 1-1-8,13,14,15,16-2-9-6
\$3227.25
\$1.00 PICK 6 6 OF 6: 1-1-8,13,14,15,16-2-9-6
\$355,034.00

### **GOLF**

**PGA World Rankings** 

1. Scottie Scheffler, 15.29. 2. Xander Schauffele, 8.64. 3. Rory McIlroy, 8.16. 4. Wyndham Clark, 6.05. 5. Viktor Hovland, 5.82.

**BELMONT STAKES** 

## Dornoch, 17-1 long shot co-owned by ex-MLB star, wins

Scott Boeck USA TODAY

Dornoch hit it out of the park.

The 17-1 long shot won Saturday's 156th running of the Belmont Stakes at Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, New York.

Luis Saez, who was aboard Dornoch, controlled the pace against a strong 10-horse field that included Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan and Preakness winner Seize the Grey for his second career Belmont Stakes victory and \$2 million prize. Saez won aboard Essential Quality in 2021.

It was the first Belmont win for trainer Danny Gargan and co-owner Jayson Werth, a former Major League Baseball All-Star.

"I would put it right up there with winning on the biggest stage," said Werth, who won a World Series title with the Philadelphia Phillies in 2008, after the race on the Fox broadcast. "Horse racing is the most underrated sport in the world, bar none. It's the biggest game: You get the Derby, the Preakness, the Belmont. We just won the Belmont. This is as good as it gets in horse racing. It's as good as it gets in sports."

Unlike his 10th-place finish in the Kentucky Derby, Dornoch showed what he was capable of in the third leg of the Triple Crown.

Dornoch and Seize the Grey led the field into the homestretch with Mindframe making a move down the stretch. Seize the Grey faded and Dornoch was able to hold off the threat from Mindframe to win the race by a half-length. He posted a winning time of 2:01.64.

Sierra Leone, the favorite at 8-5, struggled out the gate but ended up third. Honor Marie was fourth.

This is the sixth year in a row a different horse won each of the Triple Crown races, the longest stretch since 1924-29.

"When I rode this horse here in Saratoga for the first time (July 29), I told Danny, 'You have the Derby winner," Saez said. "Unfortunately, the Derby's a crazy race and we draw that No. 1 hole. Today, we have pretty good confidence that we could win this race.

Traditionally held at Belmont Park in Elmont, New York, the famed track's meet was relocated to the iconic Saratoga Race Course due to a \$455 million renovation at Belmont Park.

The distance of the race was also different than the norm. This year's race was 1¼ miles, shorter than the traditional 1½ because of the shape of the Saratoga racetrack.

# **WEATHER ONLINE**

### The weather changes. Stay up-to-date, 24/7.

72



**AccuWeather** 

### **TODAY'S FORECAST**

Multiple areas of severe weather are likely to develop across the nation today as showers and thunderstorms spread from the northern Rockies and northern Plains e southern **Plains** and the **Southeast**. The first of these areas will be from far northern Colorado to western North Dakota, where thunderstorms will be capable of producing large hail, locally damaging winds and even isolated tornadoes. Thunderstorms may also become severe across portions of western Texas and eastern New Mexico, where they could bring large hail and gusty winds.

Meanwhile, any thunderstorm may produce gusty winds and hail across the Florida Peninsula. southern Georgia and southern South Carolina.

Showers will dot the Northeast, while much of the Midwest and the West Coast will remain largely dry and warm.

### **TODAY'S HIGH TEMPERATURES**

71 Salem Portla 80 69 86 85 87 74 69 88 77 67 66 84 97 69 73 80 82 • 78 80 105 80 82 •84 83 82 82 harleston 83 69 86 82 85 Alaska 89 91 86 84 87 98 93 **87** 93 93 90 91 Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather Inc. ©2024 96 Below 10 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110+

Proven Superior Accuracy™ **PRECIPITATION FORECAST** 🛑 T-storms 🌑 Rain 🌑 Snow 🔵 Ice/mix TODAY TUESDAY **EXTREMES** 

Note: For contiguous 48 states through 3 p.m. ET yesterday

Pecos, Texas

COLDEST: 34°
Sun River, Mont.

### TOP TRAVEL CITIES Air quality index (AQI)

ATLANTA	BALTIMORE	BOSTON	CHARLOTTE	CHICAGO	DALLAS/FT. WORTH	DENVER	DETROIT	HONOLULU	HOUSTON	LAS VEGAS	LOS ANGELES
MON Hot as hot 83/63	MON ☆ Breezy 79/60	MON Mostly cloudy 74/58	MON Not as warm 80/64	<b>мон  С</b> ооler 69/52	MON (7) T-storm 82/71	MON A P.M. t-storm 84/56	<b>MON ☆</b> Breezy 69/49	MON A few showers 87/75	MON Stray t-storm 92/74	MON ☆ Hot 103/79	MON Sunny 76/58
TUE Partly sunny 85/64	TUE Partly sunny 77/60	TUE A P.M. shower 71/60	TUE Partly sunny 83/61	TUE Ö Warmer 77/64	TUE Stray t-storm 85/73	TUE Stray t-storm 86/63	TUE Mostly sunny 74/57	TUE 👸 Breezy 87/74	TUE Stray t-storm 90/75	TUE - Hot 108/80	TUE Sunny 74/58
WED Partly sunny 88/71	WED - Mostly sunny 85/63	WED Clouds, sun 73/63	WED Partly sunny 86/68	WED Sunny 86/67	WED T-storms 89/71	WED - Mostly sunny 94/66	WED Sunny 82/64	WED Showers 86/73	WED Stray t-storm 89/75	WED - Sunny, hot 107/81	WED Sunny 75/60
AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Moderate	<b>AQI</b> Moderate
MIAMI	MPLS-ST. PAUL	NEW ORLEANS	NEW YORK	ORLANDO	PHILADELPHIA	PHOENIX	SALT LAKE CITY	SAN DIEGO	SAN FRANCISCO	SEATTLE	WASHINGTON
MON T-storms 90/79	MON Partly sunny 75/59	MON Stray t-storm 93/77	MON Partly sunny 76/58	MON Stray t-storm 94/74	<b>мон :</b> Вгееzy 77/62	MON - Sunny, warm 106/79	MON Stray t-storm 88/63	MON Partly sunny 69/61	MON Partly sunny 72/54	MON - Sunny, nice 71/53	<b>MON</b>
TUE Rain 85/77		TUE Stray t-storm 90/76	76/62	TUE Rain 89/72	TUE Partly sunny 78/60	TUE - Sunny, hot 111/80	TUE - Hot 92/73	TUE Sunny 68/62	TUE Sunny 76/54	TUE Cloudy 66/48	TUE Sunny 78/61
WED T-storms 81/76	WED Warmer 85/64	WED - Stray t-storm 91/77	WED Sunny 80/66	WED T-storms 87/73	WED Partly sunny 85/67	WED - Hot 113/82	<b>WED</b> - Hot 98/70	WED Mostly cloudy 69/60	<b>WED</b> - Breezy 71/55	WED Partly sunny 66/48	WED -O - Mostly sunny 84/66
AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	<b>AQI</b> Moderate	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	AQI Good	<b>AQI</b> Moderate
c Cloudy f Fog i l	Cloudy f Fog i Ice r Rain sf Snowflurries sn Snow w Windy dr Drizzle h Haze pc Partly cloudy s Sunny sh Showers t Thunderstorms										

Akron, Ohio	61/47c	71/53pc
Albany, N.Y.	70/54c	73/55sh
Albuquerque	82/63c	93/68s
Allentown, Pa.	72/52pc	74/52pc
Amarillo, Texas	74/61t	82/61t
Anaheim, Calif.	77/60pc	75/59pc
Anchorage, Alaska	61/48c	59/47r
Aspen, Colo.	69/45t	78/48s
Atlantic City, N.J.	78/62pc	73/60pc
Augusta, Ga.	86/63t	88/61pc
Austin, Texas	93/74t	91/72s
Bakersfield, Calif.	96/71s	102/76s
Baton Rouge, La.	94/73t	93/68t
Billings, Mont.	83/55sh	86/58s
Birmingham, Ala.	82/61pc	84/60pc
Bismarck, N.D.	76/56t	82/56w
Boise, Idaho	86/58s	92/58s
Buffalo, N.Y.	61/52c	66/54pc
Burlington, Vt.	67/56sh	71/57pc
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	73/50pc	76/63pc

85/69t 86/69pc

Charleston, S.C

Charleston, W.Va.

U.S. CITIES TODAY TUE

urri	es sn snow w wind	iy <b>ar</b> Driz	zie <b>n</b> Ha
ı		TODAY	TUE
	Cincinnati	66/51pc	76/55pc
	Cleveland	63/50c	70/55s
	Colorado Springs	75/58t	81/56t
	Columbia, S.C.	84/66pc	87/63pc
	Columbus, Ohio	64/50pc	76/55pc
	Corpus Christi, Texas	93/78t	96/77s
	Dayton, Ohio	63/51pc	76/57pc
	Daytona Beach, Fla.	97/75pc	89/73t
	Des Moines, Iowa	76/56pc	83/68pc
	Duluth, Minn.	69/49pc	69/55t
	Durham, N.C.	84/61pc	82/58pc
	El Paso, Texas	100/74pc	104/73s
	Fairbanks, Alaska	72/56sh	70/54c
	Flagstaff, Ariz.	82/44pc	87/47s
	Fargo, N.D.	77/62pc	79/58w
	Fort Myers, Fla.	91/77t	86/74r
	Fort Smith, Ark.	87/64s	86/65c
	Fort Wayne, Ind.	69/47pc	76/52s
	Fresno, Calif.	95/70s	103/71s
	Grand Rapids, Mich.	70/43s	72/55s
	Green Bay, Wis.	71/45s	74/60pc
	Greensboro, N.C.	81/61pc	78/58pc
	Greenville, S.C.	82/59pc	82/58pc
	Harrisburg, Pa.	75/58pc	74/58pc

AQI GOOG	Awio	Jou
pc Partly cloudy	s Sunny sh	Showers t
	TODAY	TUE
Hartford, Conn.	76/56pc	78/56pc
Indianapolis	67/48pc	76/58s
Islip, N.Y.	76/61pc	76/60pc
Jackson, Miss.	84/64t	86/60pc
Jacksonville, Fla.	98/71t	91/71t
Jefferson City, Mo	. 77/53s	80/60pc
Kansas City	79/58pc	83/64pc
Key West, Fla.	88/81t	86/80r
Knoxville, Tenn.	80/58pc	78/55pc
Laredo, Texas	101/79t	104/78s
Lexington, Ky.	72/52pc	76/55pc
Lincoln, Neb.	82/63pc	87/69c
Little Rock, Ark.	86/63pc	83/64pc
Long Beach, Calif.	75/61pc	71/61pc
Louisville, Ky.	73/56pc	77/58s
Lubbock, Texas	77/64t	85/67t
Madison, Wis.	71/49pc	75/61pc
Manchester, N.H.	78/54c	77/57sh
Memphis, Tenn.	83/62s	80/62pc
Milwaukee	64/51s	74/62pc
Mobile, Ala.	93/70t	91/67pc
Modesto, Calif.	94/64s	101/67s
Montgomery, Ala.	89/64t	88/62pc
Myrtle Beach, S.C.	82/68pc	82/68s

acrocorrio		
	TODAY	TUE
Nags Head, N.C.	79/68pc	77/64t
Nashville, Tenn.	80/55s	80/57pc
Newark, N.J.	78/61pc	78/60pc
New Haven, Conn.	76/59pc	76/58pc
Norfolk, Va.	83/67pc	77/67pc
Oakland, Calif.	72/52pc	79/55s
Oklahoma City	82/63t	82/67t
Omaha, Neb.	80/61pc	88/68pc
Palm Springs, Calif.	105/77pc	108/78s
Pensacola, Fla.	92/74t	93/71pc
Pierre, S.D.	81/60c	85/61s
Pittsburgh	62/48c	70/51pc
Portland, Maine	72/53c	71/54sh
Portland, Ore.	78/56s	73/51s
Providence, R.I.	74/55pc	75/57pc
Raleigh, N.C.	85/63pc	84/60pc
Rapid City, S.D.	81/56t	80/57t
Reno, Nev.	92/65s	97/63s
Richmond, Va.	83/62pc	78/58pc
Rochester, N.Y.	61/52c	68/50pc
Sacramento, Calif.	95/59s	102/62s
San Antonio	96/78c	98/76pc
San Jose, Calif.	85/61pc	92/61s
Santa Fe, N.M.	78/56c	85/58pc

	TODAY	TUE
Sarasota, Fla.	91/76t	87/76t
Savannah, Ga.	91/71t	91/69pc
Scottsdale, Ariz.	103/76s	108/79s
Shreveport, La.	86/67t	91/68pc
Sioux Falls, S.D.	79/64pc	85/62s
South Bend, Ind.	66/43s	73/55s
Spokane, Wash.	80/57s	81/48w
Springfield, Mo.	77/55pc	80/63c
Springfield, III.	73/49s	78/59s
St. Louis	75/57s	82/63s
St. Petersburg, Fla.	92/77sh	90/74t
Syracuse, N.Y.	62/54sh	69/52pc
Tallahassee, Fla.	96/73t	91/72t
Tampa, Fla.	93/79t	89/77t
Toledo, Ohio	71/49pc	75/54s
Topeka, Kan.	82/60pc	85/66c
Tucson, Ariz.	102/68s	107/72s
Tupelo, Miss.	85/61s	83/58pc
Tulsa, Okla.	83/61pc	85/66c
Virginia Beach, Va.	81/67pc	76/66pc
Wichita, Kan.	82/59pc	83/66c
Wilmington, Del.	77/57pc	77/57pc
Winston-Salem, N.C.	82/61pc	79/59pc
Worcester, Mass.	72/53pc	72/58pc

### **WORLD CITIES** TODAY TUE Beijing 96/68pc 101/71s 64/600 Frankfurt 67/48pc Hong Kong Istanbul Jerusalen Johannesburg 60/38s 61/40s London 61/46sh 62/48pc Montrea Moscow 70/61sh 70/58t Mumbai, India 88/83t 88/84t 64/46sh 64/47pc 84/70pc 82/68pc Rio de Janei Rome 80/64s 80/63pc Seoul Singapore 63/47s Sydney

**COMMENTARY** 

# Tireless Nicklaus like Superman at Memorial Tournament

### **Rob Oller**

The Columbus Dispatch USA TODAY NETWORK

DUBLIN, Ohio – Jack Nicklaus will have had plenty of practice shaking hands by the time he congratulates the winner of the Memorial Tournament on Sunday at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

I stopped counting at 150, but it's safe to say Upper Arlington's most famous Golden Bear shook well over 200 paws Wednesday as he moved along the 220 acres of golf course on his way to meetand-greets, photo shoots, autograph signings, ceremonies, lunch, board meetings and dinner.

And he didn't drop from exhaustion. That may be more impressive than him winning the 1986 Masters.

"I think he gets very primed for this event," 2019 Memorial honoree Judy Rankin said. "And it means so much to him, he just decides he can be tired lat-

Nicklaus is 84 but has more energy than a man in his 60s. I should know. I shadowed him from early morning through late afternoon Wednesday - "A day in the life of Jack Nicklaus at the Memorial" if you will - and I needed a nap by the time we parted company. Jack needed no such thing. He is like the Man of Steel, except Superman never smacked a 1-iron like Nicklaus could in his prime.

That prime is past, but the legacy lives on:

Nicklaus as golf's greatest champion, winner of a record 18 major champion-

Nicklaus as Memorial Tournament visionary, founder and host.

Nicklaus as humanitarian, raising millions for children's hospitals and charities.

Nicklaus as needler, applying a wellplaced elbow of sarcasm into the ribs of those he likes.

### Papa Bear comfortable around the Cubs

The day began with Nicklaus and wife Barbara, or the first lady of golf as she is known in these parts, arriving at the practice putting green to shake hands and pose for pictures with officials, parents and kids involved in the Play Yellow initiative, a program in which the Nicklauses, the PGA Tour and Children's Miracle Network Hospitals join forces to raise money for kids at local children's hospitals.

Nicklaus listened to Jimmy Smith, whose 16-year-old daughter Madison died of colorectal cancer in October.

"The heartache just doesn't go away, but things like this help," said Smith, who arrived at Muirfield from Rockville, Maryland, as a guest of PGA Tour player and Play Yellow spokesperson Denny McCarthy.

Nicklaus nodded, then engaged Mc-Carthy in a history lesson on the Masters, which he won six times. He shook more hands before gravitating toward his favorite audience - kids. Cordial to adults, he lights up around 3- and 4-

Nine Golden Cubs – current or former patients from Nationwide Children's Hospital - swarmed like bees around the Bear. Jack's eyes lit up. He signed their shirts, hats, anything they wanted.

"I'm going to sit here with my gang," the man said, squeezing between two gigglers. "How long do you think I've been married?"

"Fifty years," someone chirped.

"That's a good guess," Nicklaus said. "How about 64."

An adult spoke up.

"You still look happy."

Then, the Nicklaus wit: "We're working it," he said, patting Barbara's leg.

Hayden Laycock was one of the Cubs. The 15-year-old Grandview Heights sophomore has a congenital heart block. Nicklaus has his own health issues. The two bonded.

"He's pretty cool," Laycock said, adding that Nicklaus was "the Tiger (Woods) before Tiger. I know he was really good for his time."

At least the teen knew that much. Many of the kids simply saw a hunched older man in black pants and shoes with a gray sports coat and tangerine tie. They did not realize the ground they stand on, once forest and farmland, might be retail space if not for Nicklaus choosing in 1966 to give back to the area where he grew up by building a championship golf course that would attract the best players in the world.



Jack Nicklaus shakes hands with Hale Irwin inside the clubhouse dining room during a practice day for the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club. ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

enough to know that he wouldn't be standing here either if "I had missed about 10 5-foot putts."

Had that happened, Nicklaus would have won fewer majors, earned less money and lacked the cache to create his own tournament in Dublin.

### Fans recognize Nicklaus is golf royalty

But he made the putts, which turned him into a king of golf, which is what he resembled as he offered the "royals wave" while driving his cart to the 16th green following the Play Yellow event. As Jack and Barbara sped along the hilly cart paths - does he have a license for that thing? - a chorus of "Hey, Jack" hellos rang out among fans dotting the fair-

There was even a fist bump.

Three things struck me about the constant attention: 1. It must feel good, especially since it's been nearly 20 years since Nicklaus played a competitive round (2005 British Open). 2. I wonder if it's easy to take the adulation for granted. 3. Celebrity must get exhausting. I mean, 200-plus handshakes?

Pertaining to point No. 3, the only time the sea of fans parted was when Ohio State coach Ryan Day and his wife, Nina, showed up at the Play Yellow meet-and-greet photo opp. Suddenly, Nicklaus was left alone for a few minutes. He did not mind.

Another Ohio State coach arrived on the scene. John Cooper looked younger than his 87 years. While three years older than Nicklaus, he gushed like a little kid when recalling Jack's generosity.

After getting fired at OSU following the 2000 season, Cooper received a call from Muirfield Village's CEO informing him that his membership was ending because it was tied to his coaching job. Several years later, Cooper bumped into Nicklaus.

"He asked me why he had not seen me (at Muirfield Village)," Cooper said. After hearing the explanation, Nick-

er's membership. Nearly a quarter century later, Cooper wanted to thank Nicklaus again for

the kind gesture. Nicklaus' response?

"We take care of all our friends."

### Day picks brain of 'elite' Nicklaus

Eventually, Nicklaus and Day sat together on the nearby "Helen Nicklaus" bench, dedicated to Jack's mother, who passed Aug. 16, 2000 - the Wednesday of the PGA Championship.

"I always like getting a chance to meet, know and study people who are elite. And he was," Day said. "Just to be around him, listening to the mindset, you can pick something up. I had an opportunity a year ago to go down and spend some time at the house with Jack and Barbara, Nina and I both, and so it was great. We appreciate their support."

The coach and golfer discussed Ohio State University quarterbacks, NIL and recruiting. Nicklaus, who played golf at Ohio State, could talk Buckeyes football all day. But he did not have all day, because soon it was off to another ceremo-

Wednesday was Military Appreciation Day at the Memorial, sponsored by JobsOhio, and inside a huge tent located near the 16th green Nicklaus shook at least 100 hands, including that of 76year-old Bob Patterson, one of 61 living recipients of the Medal of Honor, the military's highest award recognizing

Patterson said he does not play golf as much as he works at playing golf. The native North Carolinian, who lives in Pensacola, Florida, got a handshake from Nicklaus, who made golf look as easy as child's play.

It is something to see a Vietnam veteran, who in 1968 destroyed five enemy bunkers while under fire, melt while meeting a man who fired golf balls into the air. Such is the power of Nicklaus.

"A lot of my friends served in the military," Nicklaus said to the crowd of mil-

Then again, Nicklaus is self-aware laus instructed the club to renew Coop- itary men and women and their families. "It's a big thing for us to say thank you. We don't understand what you did, but we understand the results of what

> Nicklaus launched into a brief history of Muirfield Village, telling the crowd it cost \$2.5 million to build the course. When asked for his expectation of where the Memorial will be in a decade or two, he raises his index finger to the sky, signaling he wants the tournament to keep trending up.

> More humor: "Notice how crooked that (finger) was. From holding a golf club (all those years)."

> At 11:35 a.m., Jack and Barbara hopped back in their cart and headed toward the clubhouse for lunch in the Captain's Grill. More waves. More fans pointing out, "There goes Jack."

### Lunching with who's who of the golf world

Inside the players' locker room, Nicklaus and his media representative, Scott Tolley, went over details of his upcoming afternoon speech at the honoree ceremony for LPGA Hall of Famer Juli Inkster. Then it was off to lunch, where Nicklaus shook more hands. He exchanged a few words with Rickie Fowler, greeted members of the Captains Club, including Rankin, Hale Irwin and Andy North, then checked out what was being offered in the buffet line.

An hour later, he joined the procession of golf dignitaries, including PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan and Augusta National chairman Fred Ridley, who walked from the clubhouse to the driving range for the honoree ceremony.

Temperatures reached into the mid-80s. But if Jack was uncomfortable, he didn't show it.

As the ceremony ended, unlike me, Nicklaus was far from finished. There was a Captains Club meeting to attend, then a dinner that lasted until 9 p.m.

Finally, lights out. A 14-hour day came to a close, and the Bear got to hibernate for the night.

# Colombia gives USMNT 'a wake-up call'

### American men suffer worst lost since 2016

**Tom Schad USA TODAY** 

LANDOVER, Md. - Before a training session last week, a handful of U.S. men's soccer players spoke about not just wanting to hold their own at this summer's Copa América tournament, which is the most prestigious event they'll play prior to the next World Cup. They talked about entering the tournament with the goal of winning it.

If Saturday's 5-1 dud against Colombia is any indication, however, the Americans still have a long way to go.

In its most lopsided defeat since the Jürgen Klinsmann era, the U.S. men's national team appeared both sloppy and out of sync at Commanders Field particularly in the closing five minutes, when Colombia scored back-to-back goals on two cheap giveaways.

There were individual mistakes galore for the United States.

Poor movement.

Tepid passing out of the back. And a general lethargy that left coach Gregg Berhalter lamenting that his team showed "a lack of respect for our opponent, the game of soccer."

"We're not framing it as a lesson learned. We're actually framing it as a wake-up call," Berhalter said. "A really poor performance against a top team. If you give a team like that the opportunities that we gave them, you're never going to win."

Five players scored for Colombia, including Rafael Santos Borré, whose overhead kick in the 19th minute put the visitors up 2-0 and would go down as the highlight of the game.

The loss was the Americans' worst defeat since November 2016, when they were blown out by Costa Rica 4-0 in a World Cup qualifying match.

Fortunately for the U.S., the stakes were not quite as high this time. Saturday's game was only a friendly, the first of two tuneup games that it will play before its Copa América opener against Bolivia on June 23.

That, of course, doesn't make such a scoreline any easier to stomach.



USA forward Christian Pulisic controls the ball against Colombia defender Daniel Munoz on Saturday in Landover, Maryland. GEOFF BURKE/USA TODAY SPORTS

"We were nowhere near the level that we need to play at if we want to win games, coming into Copa América," said Christian Pulisic, who captained the team. "Absolutely, yeah, for sure it's better that it happened now. But we can't be anywhere near playing like that and expect to win games."

While the quality of the U.S. men's soccer team has risen, with more national team players carving out roles and holding their own with top teams in Europe, there's been a lingering notion that the team is still incapable of beating some of the world's soccer powerhouses. Saturday did little to discount that idea.

The individual mistakes started just five minutes into the game, when left back Antonee Robinson lunged for a ball that was heading out of bounds and inadvertently knocked it into the path of

Jhon Arias, who took one touch before rifling it into the roof of the net.

About 15 minutes later, an unmarked Borré had plenty of space and time to complete the spectacular overhead kick after the U.S. failed to deal with a Colombian corner, making it 2-0.

It was around this time when the chants began to rain down from the predominantly yellow-clad crowd at Commanders Field: "U-S-A, Colombia es tu

While Timothy Weah deposited a nice give-and-go to halve Colombia's lead early in the second half, it proved to be only a blip.

Substitute Richard Ríos banged home an easy cutback in the 77th min-

Weah unsuccessfully attempted to nutmeg Jorge Carrascal, who then scored in the 85th. And then Luis Sinisterra turned a woeful U.S. turnover in the center of the field into a simple goal at keeper Matt Turner's near post in the

"For us, it's just about respecting the game," Turner said. "I think we're a good team, no doubt about that. We had some bright moments within the game fought back, 2-1 down, really pushing forward. But then it's just a bit of a naivete, respecting the game, respecting what the opponent brings. We really just opened up and allowed them to do exactly what they were planning on do-

Pulisic also cited that openness as one of the most frustrating parts of the Americans' performance.

When asked if he felt like the U.S. was on the same level as Colombia, he quipped, "Did you see the game? Clearly

"Does that mean we don't have good enough players? No," Pulisic said. "But the way we played today, as a team, individual performances as well - (we were) nowhere near as good as they were today."

Given the context of the summer and years ahead, Saturday's game will likely be cause for concern in U.S. soccer circles, if not alarm. The United States is hosting or co-hosting Copa América, the 2026 men's World Cup and the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics – a stretch that will bring some of the most prestigious events and top-caliber players into the country. U.S. soccer officials have expressed hope that this stretch, particularly the World Cup, can ignite the sport's popularity and fuel a long-term

The hope, as part of that long-term goal, was that Saturday night's game and a second friendly against world power Brazil in Orlando, Florida, on Wednesday – would help the U.S. build confidence and momentum.

Instead, if nothing changes, it could prove to have the opposite effect.

"We shouldn't be having results like that. ... But at the end of the day, it's the first of a long summer," Turner said. "So ideally we use this experience as a wake-up call and we can rally together and give the fans what they deserve.

"There's a way to lose, and that is definitely not the way."



# USA TODAY's The Essentials: John Stamos keeps rocking

The former "Full House" star and honorary Beach Boy discusses summer and hair care. **Page 2D** 

# Being part of the 'Brat Pack' did come with its perks

Andrew McCarthy traces life with "Brats," including hanging with a Rat Packer. **Page 4D** 

### LIFELINE



RODIN ECKENROTH/GETTY IMAGES

### HOW WAS YOUR DAY? DICK VAN DYKE

Dick Van Dyke has made history as the oldest Daytime Emmys winner ever. The 98-year-old TV icon won Friday night for his guest role on "Days of Our Lives." "I feel like a spy from nighttime television," Van Dyke joked, while accepting the award. "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself!" The "Mary Poppins" star, who played a man with amnesia on the Peacock soap opera, rose to fame in the 1960s in Broadway's "Bye, Bye Birdie" and his CBS sitcom "The Dick Van Dyke Show."



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY WHO'S CELEBRATING TODAY

**Kate Upton** is 32. **Faith Evans** is 51. **Gina Gershon** is 62.

### HOROSCOPE | SANCTUARY More: www.sanctuaryworld.co

**Aries** (March 21-April 19). Flashing back to simpler times? The moon's harmonious connection to Mercury

helps you put words to feelings.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20). Need a sounding board? Enlist the ear of a friend or loved one as the moon and Mercury harmonize.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21). Doing someone a solid? Talk a friend out of a tailspin as the moon and Mercury harmonize.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Feeling sentimental? As the moon and Mercury harmonize, rediscovering old ephemera is soothing for your soul.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22). Swapping advice? As the moon and Mercury harmonize, friends have your back and you have theirs.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Trusting your intuition? Psychic hits help you handle a delicate career matter as the moon and Mercury harmonize.

**Libra** (Sept.23-Oct. 23). The moon's harmonious connection to Mercury encourages you to confide in a friend.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Spreading awareness? As the moon and Mercury harmonize, you say the quiet part out loud, literally and figuratively.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Charting new territory? Have an adventure with a friend or partner as the moon and Mercury harmonize!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Harnessing your intuition? As the moon and Mercury harmonize, you sense what your colleagues are thinking.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The moon's harmonious connection to Mercury inspires romantic and playful conversations with loved ones.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20). Repairing trust? The moon's harmonious connection to Mercury inspires a heart-to-heart. Get something off your chest!

### **STAGE**



"It's a very simple story about friendship across the course of a life," says Daniel Radcliffe, left, with Jonathan Groff and Lindsay Mendez. PROVIDED BY MATTHEW MURPHY

# 'Merrily' trio rolls along, through tears and laughs

Patrick Ryan USA TODAY

NEW YORK – On July 7, the cast of "Merrily We Roll Along" will take their final Broadway bow together. For the show's tight-knit central trio, the grief has already set in. • The waterworks start not even three minutes into our conversation, huddled in the back of the Hudson Theatre before a weekday performance. Directed by Maria Friedman, the acclaimed revival of Stephen Sondheim's 1981 flop musical charts the fissure of a longtime friendship between Franklin (Jonathan Groff), Charley (Daniel Radcliffe) and Mary (Lindsay Mendez) as they navigate careers in the arts. See MERRILY, Page 2D



"That's what the joy of the show is: None of us are carrying it by ourselves." Lindsay Mendez

Radcliffe, left, Mendez and Groff each is Tony nominated for their performances in "Merrily We Roll Along." JENNY ANDERSON/ GETTY IMAGES

### MUSIC

# Pearce proudly shows 'Kentucky side'

Ralphie Aversa
USA TODAY

Carly Pearce is back with her fourth studio album and perhaps the revenge anthem of the summer. "Humming-bird" (out now) includes "Truck on Fire," a song that already has received a hot reception during her opening set

on tour with Tim McGraw.

"Honestly, it's not like this guy did 'this' to me and I took his truck and burned it down," Pearce, 34, tells USA TODAY from her Nashville, Tennessee, home. "But there is that sentiment where if you do us wrong, we want to seek revenge.

"Carrie Underwood keyed the car, I'm burning the truck down. I think maybe that's just the Kentucky side of me coming out for everybody."

Pearce references Underwood's 2005 hit "Before He Cheats," when talking about "Truck." The chorus of



Carly Pearce hopes her fourth album, "Hummingbird," shows that people "don't have to have it all figured out to be happy." PROVIDED BY ALLISTER ANN

the song includes the line: "Liar, liar, truck on fire. Flames rolling off your Goodyear tires."

The singer continues her run on the "Standing Room Only" tour through the end of the month. The trek hasn't come without its trials. A vocal issue forced her to sit out McGraw's May 11 show in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. It was the first time in her career she canceled a performance because of her voice.

"I started the week fighting off some kind of sickness and then just started singing on it and working at normal speed," Pearce recalls. "Then my body said, 'Absolutely not.'"

Pearce kept listening to her body. On May 30, she revealed that she had a condition called pericarditis, which is an inflammation of the fluid-filled sac surrounding the heart. While Pearce won't be leaving the tour, she did note that

See PEARCE, Page 2D

**THE ESSENTIALS** 

# Stamos has great hair, good vibrations

Bryan Alexander USA TODAY

In a new series USA TODAY's The Essentials, celebrities share what fuels their lives. • Summer already is sending out good vibrations because John Stamos is hitting the road with The Beach Boys. • Stamos, 60, will play drums and guitar with the band through September on The Endless Summer Gold Tour, which marks the 50th anniversary of the Beach Boys' classic "Endless Summer" album. • "The Beach Boys mean summer to me," says Stamos who has been jamming with the band since the 19-year-old "General Hospital" star was pulled on stage for a concert. The self-described "wanna-be Beach Boy" Stamos even enthusiastically bongo-ed in the classic 1988 "Kokomo" video.

Performing timeless songs in front of screaming fans is the ultimate energizer for the already-animated Stamos. But the bestselling author of his 2023 memoir "If You Would Have Told Me" has learned to appreciate how important good rest is on the road.

"When I first toured, they were all older than me. You'd meet in the hotel lobby before the concert and everyone was like, 'How did you sleep?' I'd be like, 'What do you even mean? I slept,' "Stamos recalls. "Now I'm like the first one to ask, 'Did you sleep OK?' "

Stamos shares his essential Beach Boys song, his hair secrets and more.

### What's the top Beach Boys song? Stamos weighs in

Stamos has lifelong respect for the entire catalog of the band from Hawthorne, California, founded by Brian, Carl, and Dennis Wilson, their cousin Mike Love and their friend Al Jardine. But Stamos reckons "God Only Knows" (by Brian Wilson and Tony Asher) "is a perfect song."

"There's not many perfect songs.
"Something" by the Beatles is perfect.
But "God Only Knows" is perfect, too,"
he says.

### Stamos, son Billy stay in touch with onstage FaceTime calls

Being on the road means being away from his wife Caitlin McHugh Stamos and son Billy, 6. But Stamos, who became a first-time dad at 54, keeps in touch with FaceTime video calls, including when he's rocking the drums on stage.

"People make fun of my selfie stick, but I use it to hit FaceTime for like four songs and just keep playing," says Stamos. "Most of the time, he'll be like, 'I gotta go, dad.' He's a character. He's the light in my life, the reason I wake up in the morning."

# When Stamos has a stage fail in front of Adam Sandler, he just keeps rocking

Stage mishaps happen in live shows. Stamos plays through them, like when he went full throttle after hearing Adam Sandler was in attendance.

"I'm showing off, running across the stage. I hit this cord and I go flying, landing on my guitar. But I got up and kept going," says Stamos, who says the audience didn't notice. "Adam Sandler comes backstage, and I go, 'God, I wiped out.' And he was like, 'What are you talking about?' You just keep going.



John Stamos has great respect for Beach Boy and touring partner Mike Love. "He's 83. And he buries all of us on stage every night. I'm not kidding."

FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES

"Like anything in life, you just dust yourself off and get back to it," says Stamos. He took his own advice after ripping his pants at the Stagecoach Festival in April in front of 80,000 people (and didn't have time to repair the wardrobe malfunction). "I was wearing white underpants luckily under white pants. Most of the time, people don't even notice. It's taken me so long to learn this lesson."

### Styling his iconic hair is a Ronco Showtime miracle

Admit it, we all envy John Stamos' hair. How does he work it? Stamos says his 'do is as fuss-free as the famed Ronco Showtime Rotisserie & BBQ from the classic infomercial.

"You just set it and forget it," says Stamos quoting the Ronco pitch.

His use of styling products earned him the nickname "mud" from "Full House" star Dave Coulier. While Stamos vows to start his own line, he says it doesn't take much.

"Honestly, if I put a little water in (my  $\,$ 

hair), I've got stuff in here from the '90s that reactivates. So that's part of it," he says.

The heroic hair "knows when it's showtime," says Stamos. "I'll look in the mirror and be like, 'Yeeeeah, it's showtime!' "

### Stamos' lesson from 'Full House' co-star Bob Saget's death

Stamos is still deeply emotionally affected by the February 2022 death of his friend and "Full House" co-star Bob Saget. Last month, he celebrated the late comedian's 65th birthday by posting a "Full House" reunion photo on Instagram taken the day after Saget's funeral, which included Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen.

"Bob was the one who kept us all together, he was the glue," says Stamos. "It still hurts. He was just plucked out of our lives."

Just before the comedian's death, Stamos enjoyed a reunion with Saget and their wives. The two expressed their love and took a final picture together. The whole tragedy taught Stamos to make his feelings known.

"You just never think that's going to be the last time with someone. But you just don't know," says Stamos. "That's why you tell everybody you love him and care about them. That you're proud of them. Call your mom."

### Summer is all kid-filled parties and getting hosed down

For Stamos, summer is all about working the pizza oven for friends. "But parties are different now," says Stamos. who has been sober since 2015. "Nowadays, there's a lot of kids running, laughing and throwing water balloons."

Billy is the water culprit who surprise attacks with a hose when his father comes home from work.

"I'm so tired and he's just waiting behind the bush with a hose," says Stamos. "The joy he gets out of spraying his poor dad. I just love it. That's summer to me."

## **Merrily**

Continued from Page 1D

Offstage, the threesome has become "thick as thieves," Mendez says. In the past year and a half, they've been there to celebrate births, marriages and pregnancies, as well as seven Tony Award nominations for the production itself, including for their respective performances.

Radcliffe, returning from a brief vacation, sprints down the theater aisle as soon as he arrives, where he's met with a giant bear hug from Groff. They excitedly greet Mendez's husband, J. Alex Brinson, and her 3-year-old daughter, Lucy, who sweetly stops by to deliver mom coffee. Lucy briefly protests, asking to stay for the rest of the interview.

"That's how I'm going to be at the end of the show," Groff jokes. "These two are going to walk out of the building to their families, and I'm going to be like, 'But I want to go with you!' And they'll be like, 'Jonathan, get a life!'

But, he adds, "that's why we're all crying in this interview: It's the roles. It's the life we've seen each other live. Doing a long run of a show, you've seen everybody's highs and lows – it really is so bonding."

Groff, 39, Radcliffe, 34, and Mendez, 41, look back on "Merrily," their careers and more (edited for length and clarity):

Question: There are fewer than than 40 performances left of "Merrily We Roll Along." Have any unexpected emotions come up as you enter the homestretch?

Radcliffe: Going into it, you just know it's all going to be very emotionally loaded and bittersweet and lovely and sad. But I'm excited to just feel all those things onstage with (them) for the next few weeks.

Mendez: I think I can speak for Dan, just because we're parents of young children, that this run and how long we've been doing it has been taxing. We'll be ready to get our nights back. But this show and these people have been such a huge part of my life, so I'm going to severely mourn that. (Looks at Groff.) He's already sobbing!

Groff: (Wiping away tears.) I'll be a wreck. I have a sinking feeling like I'm going to vomit; it feels like sand through my fingers. Once it's July 8 or 9, we'll be mourning. But the part I'm dreading

most is doing it for the last time.

Radcliffe: Disclaimer to anyone coming to that final performance: You're not going to be seeing the show, really. You'll just see us crying at each other for a couple hours.

# You've lived with these characters for nearly two years, including the 2022 Off-Broadway run. Are there scenes that hit differently now?

Mendez: I think when ... oh, no. (Laughs as she starts to cry.) When we do the end and we say, "Years from now, we'll remember and we'll come back." That really hits me.

*Groff:* Oh, no, not Lindsay going! Lindsay is the rock!

Radcliffe: Yeah, all three of us do cry, but Jonathan and I have cried considerably more than Lindsay. Sometimes Lindsay will come out for the last scene and we'll both be in bits. Lindsay knows Jonathan is a lost cause, so she'll look at me like, "Get it together!" But I do think it changes show to show. Throughout the run, you'll find new resonances with whatever's happening in your life. No matter what kind of day you've had, there's some song where you can exorcise those feelings: If you're having a great day, you've got "Bobby and Jackie and Jack." If I'm having an angry day, I've got "Franklin Shepard, Inc."

The show really gets at this idea of, "Am I living a life that my younger self would be proud of?" Thinking back to when you were 18 or 20, what were your ambitions? Where did you see your life going?

Radcliffe: I definitely had a sense of not knowing (what was next). When I was 21 and "Potter" was finishing, I genuinely remember crying so much on the last day because there was a sense of, "I don't know what happens now. This has been all my life has been and I don't know where I go from here." I knew I loved (acting), but I didn't know if I would be able to have longevity in that. So to be here now, doing this show, I couldn't have wished for anything more.

# Was there a time in your careers when you felt like you had finally "made it?"

Mendez: For me, it's having my daughter in the theater: to have her raised here; to have her dancing (backstage) during the overture with us; to have the crew all knowing her. What she's living is what I dreamed as a little kid, like, "Oh, my God, to go to a Broadway show every day?" To get to watch

her have that experience and feel like she has another family – that's why I wanted to do theater. So to give that to my kid, and then to have another one in the show every night. (*Points to her stomach.*) I always dreamed of that, even if I didn't know that was possible.

Groff: I would also say this. I wanted to be an actor that was always working in theater, but I didn't know quite how – I thought maybe I'd be in the ensemble of a Broadway show. I was taking gymnastics lessons the first year I moved to New York because I really wanted to be in "Mary Poppins," and I couldn't do that unless I learned backflips! (Laughs.) And then "Spring Awakening" happened, and it was such a fairy-tale experience. I remember feeling, "Oh, my God, it all happened so fast." I was in a bit of a state of

But there was also a lot of growing up I had to do; being closeted, there was so much of my life that was compartmentalized. So with "Merrily," it feels like getting a do-over of the "Spring Awakening" experience. I've never felt more myself. This time, I'm not so blocked and I'm really able to take it in and enjoy it.

### What are the offstage moments you're going to miss the most?

Radcliffe: Hanging out in Lindsay's dressing room. Sorry, Lindsay, that you've had to share with us.

*Mendez:* We have a kiki every day. My daughter is there 50% of the time, playing and eating snacks off of Jonathan's hand. (*Laughs.*)

Radcliffe: She watches "Peppa Pig," so she came in the other day and was like, "Do you want to play 'pass the parcel?' " Also, in the most heated scene of the play, Lindsay hurls bread at people and I'm off in the wings trying to catch it every night. We high-five if I get it and she shames me if I don't.

Mendez: I do, very much. And now, they're helping me up and down as I'm navigating this pregnancy.

*Groff:* Pulling your skirt up (midperformance) on Sunday as the belly was coming out. I was like, "Oh, my God, that baby is jumping out right now! We've got to fix this dress; the gown is coming down!"

*Mendez:* That's what the joy of the show is: None of us are carrying it by ourselves. Taking that bow together at the end is like the best thing ever.

### **Pearce**

Continued from Page 1D

after speaking with doctors, she will alter her set.

Following both instances, Pearce received a flood of well wishes from fans. She credits her authenticity for the way people have responded to both her

"I don't want to live my life in privacy," Pearce says. "I am a normal girl. I want to share when I'm happy. I want to share when I'm excited. I know that somebody else is experiencing something that I am. And I think the '29' season of my life really showed me that, even to a degree, that I had no idea. There were so many young people that felt shame around divorce. But I almost feel like I've built my career on just being unapologetically honest about whatever I'm going through."

"29: Written in Stone" was Pearce's third album, which chronicled in part her divorce from country singer Michael Ray. It yielded "Never Wanted to Be That Girl," a duet with Ashley McBryde that won the Grammy for country duo/group performance in 2023.

"'29' showed me that people really care about me in the way that I view country music and the kind of country music that I want to make," she continues. "And I think that ('Hummingbird') will be a reflection of that.

"For anybody that's just on a journey of healing and trying to find happiness, you don't have to have it all figured out to be happy. And I think that's the essence of this record."



Carly Pearce performs at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee, in April. JASON KEMPIN/GETTY IMAGES

16

19

22

28

44

51

### **EDITED** Amanda Rafkin **BY** Tracy Gray

### **BREAKING THE RULES**

### **ACROSS**

blind

- 1 Part of a Venetian
- "Yellowjackets" channel, for short
- Cuts up
- 13 Mound of raked leaves
- 14 Rotate 15 Large artery carrying
- oxygenated blood **16** Shade similar to
- teal Opera and
- origami, for two
- Pet's reward Events to move
- secondhand goods
- 22 Do something immoral 23
- \_ only as directed" 24 Lightning bug
- Forceful order Uses a QR code
- reader on 32 All-vowels promissory note
- **ISP** marketed by
- Yahoo! Inc. "Come as you.
- Sound at a salon Wastes one's time and effort
- Powerlifter's units 42 Part of a lacrosse
- goal **43** That woman
- 44 Animal hospital doc Jazz drummer
- Nash 47 Beat by a small
- margin 51 "Taste the Rainbow" and "Just Do It," e.g. "SEP" or "SIMPLE"
- savings plan Futbol fan's cheer
- Yellowish-brown fruits in an orchard
- Grinding tooth
- **62** Multivitamin mineral
- 63 Home that's all abuzz

**TXTPERT** 

64 Material that 12 Rested in lotus pose 14 Sinks under shouldn't get wet 65 Like newly Botoxed

17

42

45

29

52

18

43

54

26

25

48

**50** Turn your back on

Timeline chunks

"That was close!"

59 Additive in instant

60 Possessive pronoun

actress Yoo-mi

Sound off

ramen

61 "Sauid Game"

Friday's Answer

66

52 A+ or D-

- skin 66 "Happily\_ \_ after'
- Kermit the Frog's color
- 68 Numerical guess (Abbr.)
- **69** Attended

### DOWN

- Skimpy Like melted ice Targets of some donation drives
- 4 Orioles, Cardinals or Blue Jays
- 5 Shop-'til-you-drop outings Broadway smashes
- Enjoying wildlife in Africa, say 8 Provides food for
- an event Animal that says
- "neigh' 10 Mined rock

- pressure
- **20** Cars 21 One-\_ (short jokes)

65

68

- "Works for me!" "The Giver" author Lowry
- 27 Slangy affirmative Cat food containers
- Spiny southwest plants
- 34 Bedsheets, etc. 36 Skeleton racer's SE vehicle 37 Instagram video clip
- -the-minute Webpage with headlines 40 At a bargainbasement price
- 41 Motor homes. e.g. 45 Actress Tom

### **Numbers**

More puzzles: puzzles.usatoday.com Want solutions? answers.usatoday.com Feedback: feedback@usatoday.com



6/7

### **SUDOKU**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).

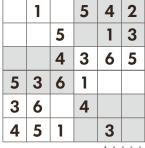
	8		4		9	2	6	7
	2		7	8	6			
	5			3		4		
4	7		9	2		5		
2								6
		3		6	7		2	4
		5		9			4	
			6	1	4		9	
8	4	9	5		2		3	
5/10				DIFFI	CUITY	ATING		

SUDOKU FUSION

ON YOUR PHONE puzzles.usatoday.com

© Andrews McMeel

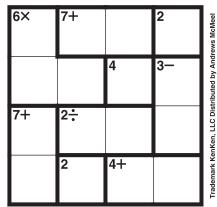
 $Complete \, the \, grid \, so \, that \, every \, row, \, column \, and \, 3x2$ box contains the numbers 1 through 6 (no repeats).



DIFFICULTY RATING ★☆☆☆☆

	Friday's Answers														
3	2	3	1	5	7	6	9	4		5	3	6	1	4	2
)	6	7	8	4	2	3	1	5		2	1	4	3	5	6
	4	5	3	6	9	8	7	2		_		2	-	_	1
ŀ	7	1	9	2	8	5	3	6		0	5	3	4	2	1
2	3	8	5	1	6	9	4	7	П	1	4	2	5	6	3
5	9	6	7	3	4	2	8	1		4	2	1	6	3	5
3	8	4	6	7	5	1	2	9		_	-	<u>.</u>	_	-	
7	5	0	2	Ω	1	1	6	3	ш	3	6	5	2		4

### **KENKEN**



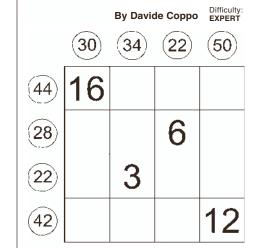
©2024 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 though 6 (challenging) without

boxes, called cages, must combine using the given

### **KUBOK 16**

6 1 2 4 9 3 7 5 8



Solution to Friday's puzzle 

9	7	13	5
15	3	12	11
2	8	14	16
10	4	1	6

numbers from 1 to 16 without repetitions so that the sum of the four numbers in each row and column is the same as the corresponding circled number.

Enter the missing

©2024 Kubok. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

### 6/10/24

[M]A]S]H

BIILE

ATTORNEY

HERA

GRANDEUR RECAPS

RED ATTAR MEDAL

CABOT HINGE PIE

EYELET DOORSTOP

LARAUSE

YEAH

### Words

### **WORD ROUNDUP**

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle: Six gases Four car companies Three U.S. states

**QUICKCROSS** 

**MLB** stats

**Cardinal direction** 

MLB game -->

Gin type

Friday's Answe

RUNS

G O A L

ANTS

Journalist Anne

Fadiman thinks about dessert.

D E A

Workout iterations

DON'T QUOTE ME®

--> opening statement

Golfer Aoki

**Eyelid lump** 

**QUICKCROSS** 

puzzles.usatoday.com

**ON YOUR PHONE** 

SOLUTIONS

Two cola brands

By John Wilmes

Bean or pea Friday's answer: CENTURY SECOND MINUTE DECADE MONTH WEEK & EOMYIVOLVOLVO HOUR YEAR / ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE / SUDAN CHAD / GRAND CENTRAL / MINOR

NC FHPEPSIVNN GEVOMZNNIEOO MWOUREAAGDRG UZGNGDDOAZER □□□ ∰ I E J Y Z N R R Q T G A  ${\mathbb R}$  L K X A U T I D A H O H åH C H N L W Y O M I N G

**UP & DOWN WORDS** 

By David L. Hoyt and Russell L. Hoyt

### **ACROSS** School subject

- work
- 14 Toward shelter
- 15 Citified
- 16 Gothic arch 17 Skyrocket
- 19 Mouthful
- 27 Seat in a tavern 31 Designated

- endearment 37 Expert
- 43 "Death on the
- enough
- 46 Fruity drink 48 — Baba
- 53 Exist
- 49 Was bold
- 54 Comedian -
- - 9 Naval officer 10 Earl or duke
  - 11 Exchange
  - monster.
  - 27 Actor Lugosi

Keaton - Well That Ends Well"

- Pulped food – vera
- messenger god
- Radiant<sup>®</sup>
- paper 25 Sound thinking

5

69

72

6

- **FRIDAY'S SOLUTION**
- 59 Onetime grape MONO R O D E O I N E R T E|V|E|R 64 Fiery crime 67 Unctuous SLOGAN
- 69 Actress
- Wiggling
- 72 Finished 73 Snout

- duck.
- 4 Greek

- "Able was I
- 7 Rudiments
- 8 Cistems
- 13 Perceived
- 21 Diner sign 23 Quantity of
- **DOWN**
- 3 Freshwater

- premium 12 Himalayan
- 6-10-24 © 2024 UFS, Dist. by Andrews McMeel for UFS 28 Audibly 29 Lasso

R E A D

OVERRUNS

M I L O E N O L A A L L A R O L E S

- 30 Quarter in Paris 32 Water brand
- 33 Singer Reese 36 Gun type
- 38 Astronaut —
- Armstrong 40 Virtue 42 Sent back 45 Antitoxins

Actress -

Hayworth

50 Measure of time

52 Buckeye State

L E N G T H

S A R A O M E N

R E E D

- native 55 Fury
- 56 Fashion magazine
- 57 Painter Peter Rubens
- 58 Actress Moriarty 60 Storage tower 61 Troubles
- 62 Wall Street acronym 65 Blue

66 - - hit wonder

12

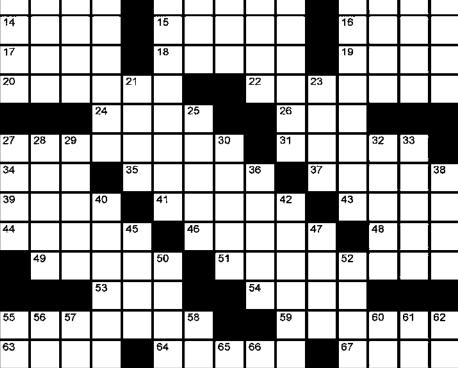
13

11

10

70

73

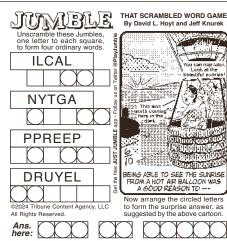


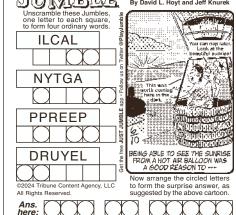
# 7 LITTLE W©RDS Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parenthe represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

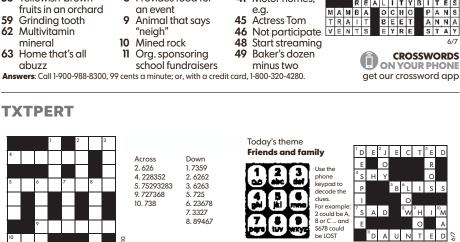
CLUES 1 particularly (9) 2 royal headpieces (6) 3 not as sunny (8) 4 proposed ideas (8) 5 maudlin quality (9)



Friday's Answers: 1. DABBLES 2. GROUPIE 3. ROBBIE 4. CARDIGAN 5. REHYDRATING 6. CASTLES 7. BOATLOAD 6/8







1. NOT

Clues:

4. Trust

Rearrange the words to complete the quote

\_\_CONSUMPTION \_

1. Fail to comprehend

3. Three balls and two strikes

2. Become satiated

5. Waiting, in a way

7. Not yet awake

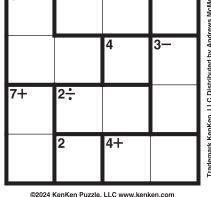
ASSUME CREAM GRAVE IT REQUIRES WEATHER

\_ ERROR TO \_

6. Remain motionless

PLAY ONLINE

6/10



1. Each row and FRIDAY'S **SOLUTION** 

repeating. 2. The numbers within the heavily outlined

operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left

3 4 2 4 3

3. Freebies: fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

### **BONUS CROSSWORD**

- 55 Substitute 63 Jai -5 Time off from
- 10 Votes against 68 Excess
- 18 Denominations
- 20 Gear for a quarterback 22 Beef cut
- 24 Actor James -Jones – whiz!"
- 34 Manning of football 35 Term of
- 39 Clayey soil 41 Indian instrument
- 44 Sedans
- 51 Citizen
- **FOOTBALL** GAME Buzzi 2 PUZZLES.USATODAY.COM © Andrews McMeel

68

71



\_\_\_\_ HOT \_

SLEEPING

BITTER

POINT

BREAK

TOUCH

FOOTBALL /

\_THAT ICE

END

Friday's Answer

POINT

**BREAK** 

TOUCH

© WIGGLES 3D GAMES

IN

FRIDAY'S Jumbles: WIDTH BLAZE SPRUCE SNEEZE

Answer: When the "Scramble" debuted in newspaper June 7, 1954, readers — WERE PUZZLED

**STREAMING** 

# 'Perfect Match' contestants spill the tea

**KiMi Robinson** 

**USA TODAY** 

Spoiler alert: This story includes details from the first six episodes of Netflix's "Perfect Match," now streaming.

LOS ANGELES – Netflix's "Perfect Match" is back with a new season to stir up romance – but mostly drama – among "the Netflix 'Avengers' of reality TV."

Those are the words of one of Season 2's stars, reality TV veteran Harry Jowsey. The all-star cast comprises alumni from across the Netflix reality universe, including "Love Is Blind," "Too Hot to Handle," "Dated & Related" and "The Circle."

The contestants, now pros from their time on other Netflix shows, compete in challenges that supposedly test their compatibility. As on Peacock's "Love Island," they must be coupled up by the end of each day (which means sharing a bed in a resort room) to stay on the show.

"We are a little more seasoned to it; we know what to do and how to handle ourselves as best as possible," says Stevan Ditter ("Too Hot To Handle" Season 3). Looking askance at his friend Harry, he adds: "Some of us."

Ahead of the season premiere, several cast members spoke with USA TODAY about their strategy (or lack thereof) and thoughts on their most notorious colleagues

### Stars agree the women were right to be wary of Harry: 'People talk'

Harry, 27 – who broke out in the inaugural season of "Too Hot to Handle" and carved out a media career by competing on such shows as ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" and hosting a podcast – also has built a certain reputation. Since his "Too Hot" debut in 2020, the Australian star has made tabloid headlines with his dating life and a reportedly successful OnlyFans page.

On the show, Harry proudly acknowledges he and Stevan have slept with "pretty much everybody who's been on a Netflix reality show." In spite of this, he insists several times on "Perfect Match" that he's dating to marry.

"I think, for a while, I was kind of avoiding dating shows, and I said no to the first season (of 'Perfect Match'). I was like, 'I've just got to work on myself and continue to grow,' "he tells USA TO-DAY. "But this time around, I was going through a bad breakup. I just got off 13 months sober. I was in a bad place, mentally. And I was like, 'I think I just need to do something different.'"

In "Perfect Match," a recurring theme is Harry's extensive dating history (several of his exes appeared in Season 1) and how he deals with women who are cautious of wading into a romance with him. After filming for several weeks at a



From left, Kaz Bishop, Stevan Ditter, Harry Jowsey, Bryton Constantin and Izzy Zapata on Season 2 of "Perfect Match."

resort in Tulum, Mexico, do his fellow castmates still stand by these reserva-

"I'd say so. I mean, people talk; the industry talks," says Xanthi Perdikomatis ("The Circle" Season 5). "We're a Netflix reality universe. So we all talk. I think it was pretty valid for people to have their qualms."

Kaz Bishop ("Dated & Related" Season 1) agrees "100%" that women were right to be wary of getting involved with Harry.

Stevan has a kinder perspective: "I think they might have been wary, but also I think he had a lot of appeal, to be honest with you. Every girl that was wary still ended up making a move.

"Someone thinks they can change him every time."

Still, Harry has no problem finding romantic prospects thanks to his sense of humor and charm. He wins over fellow "Too Hot to Handle" alum Elys Hutchinson (Season 5), then loses some goodwill when, several episodes in, he redirects his efforts toward "Love Is Blind" Season 6 breakout star Jess Vestal.

He struggles, however, when it seems the preconceived notions about him might get in the way of his pursuits. In Episode 5, an upset Harry goes off by himself to cry into a pillow.

"I think Jessica is the perfect match for me," he says. "But for some reason, people want to talk poorly about me."

### Is 'Perfect Match' a strategy game or a dating show?

The contestants engage in sexually suggestive challenges and get to know one another on a romantic level, but there's no shortage of underhanded tactics and strategy involved on "Perfect Match."

This is most apparent when the winners of a challenge head to the "boardroom" to send two of their fellow cast members on dates with other Netflix alumni who are waiting in the wings.

If they find a better connection over the course of a day, the original cast member's match has to scramble to reteam or risk going home.

"The two shows I came from,' Love Is Blind' and then 'Perfect Match,' I feel like are two completely opposite shows,"

"Coming off 'Love Is Blind' a couple of months before, (I) was still in the loveand-marriage mindset. And I completely forgot that 'Perfect Match' had an element of strategy to it."

Her match Harry (through Episode 6, at least) says, "Everyone's been on a show before. Everyone knows how it works. Everyone knows how to get screen time and make drama and stuff like that. ... I think this show, to some degree, everyone had a little bit of a

strategy."

Realizing too late that "Perfect Match" was not solely a dating show gets Izzy Zapata ("Love Is Blind" Season 5) sent home in Episode 2 after he unsuccessfully pursues Micah Lussier ("Love Is Blind" Season 4).

"I definitely went in (with a) 'Love Is Blind' mentality – real deep and kind of looking for marriage," he says.

"I should've went in a little bit more lighthearted, kind of more with a game plan."

Micah says she suffered from the

same weakness: "I kind of, as usual, led with my heart and forgot that there was a game going on, unfortunately for me."

"Was there a game?" Xanthi jokingly interjects.

"I don't think I won anything," Micah

Tolú Ekundare ("The Trust" Season 1), who unexpectedly was dumped by Dom Gabriel ("The Mole" and "Perfect Match" Season 1), echoes this sentiment. "I was like: 'OK, I can't go in as guarded. I have to allow myself to be a little more vulnerable,' "Tolú says. "I led with my heart instead of my brain."

"And how did that work?" Micah asks dryly as the women laugh.

"I learned that, you know what? My brain is always going to take first place from now on," Tolú says.

Episodes 7-9 of "Perfect Match" drop June 14; the finale streams June 21.

STREAMING

# Brat Pack got the Rat Pack's blessing at 'Sammy's'

Bryan Alexander

**USA TODAY** 

In his documentary "Brats," Andrew McCarthy makes a strong case that being labeled the Brat Pack had a detrimental impact on the careers of all the young stars involved – from Ally Sheedy and Molly Ringwald to Rob Lowe and Emilio Estevez.

But McCarthy, 61, rediscovered some serious perks in talking with Lowe, 60, for the new movie, which premiered at Tribeca Film Festival on Friday (and will premiere Thursday on Hulu).

Like the booze-filled night in the 1980s when young McCarthy and Lowe celebrated with Liza Minnelli at the famed Los Angeles eatery Spago and moved the party to Sammy Davis Jr.'s Beverly Hills mansion.

Yes, it was the night that the Brat Pack met the legendary Rat Pack. Davis, along with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop, was part of the latter clique of entertainers in the '50s and '60s.

McCarthy and Lowe still laugh about their memories of the wild bash in "Brats."

"It's a classic Hollywood story," Mc-Carthy tells USA TODAY. "I was just a kid from New Jersey. How do I end up partying at Sammy Davis Jr.'s house? As Rob points out in the documentary, that's the kind of stuff that happened in the Brat Pack."

The surreal evening started when



Rob Lowe, left, and Andrew McCarthy share laughs and memories in "Brats," premiering Thursday on Hulu. PROVIDED BY ABC NEWS STUDIO

Lowe invited McCarthy to Spago, which the New York-based actor had not even heard of. When McCarthy arrived at Wolfgang Puck's famed eatery, he found a large group that included Lowe, his then-girlfriend Melissa Gilbert and Minnelli. The cocktails started flowing. At the end of the dinner, Minnelli left the table to make a call. She returned saying that everyone was welcome to go over to

"Sammy's."

McCarthy assumed it was a nightclub, but they rolled up to a Beverly Hills mansion. To McCarthy and Lowe's shock, legendary crooner Davis threw open the door.

He even threw his arms open and shouted "Cats!" (his term of endearment). The night continued with a sober Davis pouring drinks from behind the



Rat Pack icon Sammy Davis Jr. was delighted to meet the Brat Pack back in the '80s. JIMMY SIME/GETTY IMAGES

sunken bar in his living room and regaling the group with stories. Davis was a fan of the generation of young actors taking over Hollywood who would have the reductive Brat Pack label thrust upon them.

"I remember this like it was yesterday," says McCarthy. "Sammy was like, 'I got my eye on you, cats. I love what you do.' And he was smoking. It was like, 'Oh, my God, Sammy Davis Jr. is doing his point at me.'"

The festivities carried on until the wee hours and ended with an exclamation point.

"Liza Minnelli ended up driving me home in her Rolls-Royce," says McCarthy. "As we say in the documentary, it's the only time the Brat Pack met the Rat Pack. It was a very memorable night for

# ATONEWOORL DEXTRA G7 to warn Chinese banks about evading Western sanctions,

# EU VOTING SEES FAR-RIGHT SURGE

## Macron calls surprising snap vote in France



Supporters of the French far-right party RN celebrate at the announcement of the vote results during an evening gathering at the Pavillon Chesnaie du Roy in Paris on Sunday. JULIEN DE ROSA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

### Jan Strupczewski and Sudip **Kar-Gupta and Ingrid Melander** REUTERS

BRUSSELS - Gains by the far right in voting for the European Parliament on Sunday prompted a bruised French President Emmanuel Macron to call a snap national election and added uncertainty to Europe's future political direction.

While the center, liberal and Socialist parties were set to retain a majority in the 720-seat parliament, the vote dealt a domestic blow to the leaders of both France and Germany, raising questions about how the European Union's major powers can drive policy in the bloc.

Making a risky gamble to try to reestablish his authority, Macron called a parliamentary election, with the first round on June 30.

Like Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz also endured a painful night where his Social Democrats scored their worst result ever, suffering at the hands of the mainstream conservatives and hard right Alternative for Germany (AfD).

Meanwhile, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni saw her position strengthened by her arch-conservative needed to respond to security



**Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk's** centrist Civic Coalition, a member of the EPP, was set to win the European vote. KACPER PEMPEL/REUTERS

Brothers of Italy group winning the most votes, exit polls showed.

A rightward shift inside the European Parliament may make it tougher to pass new legislation that might be

challenges, the impact of climate change or industrial competition from China and the United States.

However, exactly how much clout the euroskeptic nationalist parties will wield will depend on their ability to overcome their differences and work together. They are currently split between two different families, and some parties and lawmakers for now lie outside these groupings.

### 'Anchor of stability'

The center-right European People's Party will be the biggest political family in the new legislature, gaining five seats to field 189 deputies, a central-

ized exit poll showed. In Poland, Prime Minister Donald Tusk's centrist Civic Coalition, a member of the EPP, was set to win the European vote. In Spain as well, the centerright People's Party, also part of the EPP, came out on top, outperforming Socialist Prime Minister Pedro San-

Such results were good news for EPP member Ursula von der Leyen who seeks a second five-year term at

See ELECTIONS, Page 4NN

# Israel's **Gantz was** man in the middle

Departure removes one of Netanyahu's biggest detractors in coalition

**James Mackenzie REUTERS** 

JERUSALEM - In the traumatic aftermath of the Oct. 7 attacks on Israel, as hundreds of thousands of Israeli reservists rushed to join the ranks to fight Hamas, Benny Gantz said he felt

it was his duty to join the war effort. "This is not a political partnership I am in," the centrist former general told a group of reporters, shortly after agreeing to join Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in an emergency wartime government of unity. Instead, it was "destiny."

"Hamas started the war but Israel will win it. There is no doubt about it. We will win this war," he said.

Now, eight months in, the early confidence of those remarks made as Israel was starting to get back on its feet following the shock of Oct 7, appears to have ebbed.

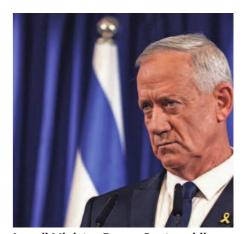
Having tangled repeatedly with the prime minister and the hard-line nationalist religious parties in his coalition, Gantz has quit, three weeks after laying down a deadline for Netanyahu to come up with a clear postwar strategy for Gaza.

His departure will remove one of the few in Israel's government who still appeared to enjoy the confidence of a U.S. administration whose frustration with Netanyahu has become ever more evident as the war has gone

Even before the deadline, he had appeared increasingly unhappy with the government, quarreling over issues ranging from the army leadership to opening a path toward a two-state solution with the Palestinians. In April he called for new elections to be held in September, only to see the call reject-

The commanding lead over Netanyahu that he and the centrist party once held in the opinion polls has shrunk, and, with the ruling coalition's parliamentary majority still solid, his

See GANTZ, Page 6NN



Israeli Minister Benny Gantz, while mistrusting many Palestinian leaders, seemed more willing to accept that Israelis and Palestinians eventually had to learn to live in the same region. NIR ELIAS/REUTERS

# Trump tells sweltering rally in Nevada he won't tax tips



**Donald Trump speaks during a** campaign rally at Sunset Park in Las Vegas, Nev., on Sunday.

JIM WATSON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

State gripped by heat wave **Nathan Layne and David Lawder** 

LAS VEGAS - Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump told a rally in Las Vegas on Sunday that he would seek to end taxation of income from tips, a direct appeal to service workers in the swing state of Nevada, which polls suggest is leaning his way ahead of the Nov. 5 election.

Trump also once again valorized his supporters convicted for their roles in the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, calling them "warriors" and suggesting a possible counter-investigation into the event if he were re-elected.

The pledge on tips, revealed at a sweltering outdoor rally in Las Vegas where temperatures reached 100 degrees, adds one more detail to a Trump tax plan that has included vague pledges of tax relief to middle-income workers and small businesses.

"So this is the first time I've said this, and for those hotel workers and people that get tips you're going to be very happy because when I get to office, we are going to not charge taxes on tips people (are) making," Trump told a crowd of several thousand people.

Trump said he would "do that right See TRUMP, Page 6NN

away, first thing in office," and noted in prepared remarks that he would seek legislation in Congress to make the change. "You do a great job of service, you take care of people and I think it's going to be something that really is deserved."

Trump has previously pledged to make permanent the Republicanpassed individual tax cuts that he signed into law in 2017 but which expire at the end of 2025. Tax experts estimate that doing so would raise U.S. deficits by some \$4 trillion over a decade compared to current forecasts.

### In the digital e-edition, you can click anywhere on the US map to get up-to-date forecasts, radar, MinuteCast® and more. **NATIONAL SUMMARY** Showers and thunder-Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation for Monday. Temperature bands are highs for the day. storms will spread across the northern Rockies and northern Plains today. Winnipeg **Seattle** Some thunderstorms may 73/57 71/55 turn severe from northern **Billings** Montreal Colorado to North Dakota. 82/55 63/54 Another zone of severe Toronto weather is likely to develop 62/51 Minneapolis 75/59 across eastern New Mexico and western Texas, while thunderstorms, some Detroit strong, will occur in the 69/48 **New York** Southeast. Chicago 75/59 San Francisco 67/51 Denver 71/54 Washington 85/56 **Kansas City** 81/62 79/59 **Los Angeles Atlanta Fairbanks** 76/58 **85/63** 73/55 **El Paso** 98/72 **Anchorage** 62/48 56/47

Chihuahua

100s

### **SUNDAY EXTREMES**

-10s

 $\textbf{NATIONAL} \ (\text{for the 48 contiguous states})$ 

High: 108 at Gila Bend, AZ 34 at Sun River, MT Precip: 2.20" at Emporia, KS Precip:

Honolulu 86/75

, Hilo

84/69

INTERNATIONAL (excludes Antarctica)

50s

60s

**119** at Al Ahsa, Saudi Arabia 20 at Oruro, Bolivia 4.88" at Lao Cai, Vietnam

80s

### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

**Monterrey** 

96/73

A woman was sucked through a window in her **Q:** What are mammatus? home in El Dorado, Kan., by a powerful tornado on June 10, 1958, and carried 60 feet. A broken record found next to her was entitled "Stormy Weather."

Houston

91/74

### **WEATHER TRIVIA™**

Miami

that signal severe weather A: Turbulent clouds at the base of a t-storm

Denotes possible travel delays

Stationary front

### **NATIONAL CITIES MONDAY**

	High/low/W	Air Quality		High/low/W	Air Quality		High/low/W	Air Quality		High/low/W	Air Quality
<ul><li>Aberdeen, SD</li></ul>	80/59/pc	36	Evansville, IN	73/51/s	40	Levittown, PA	79/59/pc	30	Rochester, NY	62/53/c	25
<ul><li>Abilene, TX</li></ul>	82/68/t	32	Fall River, MA	77/55/pc	26	Lincoln, IL	72/49/pc	37	Rockford, IL	72/47/s	41
<ul><li>Accomac, VA</li></ul>	81/62/pc	48	Farmington, NM	83/59/c	55	Louisville, KY	73/55/pc	47	Ruidoso, NM	75/55/t	53
Adrian, MI	70/48/pc	36	Fayetteville, NC	80/61/pc	56	<ul><li>Lubbock, TX</li></ul>	79/64/t	43	Salem, OR	81/54/s	27
Akron, OH	60/46/c	32	Fond du Lac, WI	69/46/s	38	Manitowoc, WI	63/46/s	34	Salina, KS	84/60/pc	48
Alamogordo, NM	89/61/pc	57	Fort Myers, FL	91/77/t	32	Mansfield, OH	61/47/c	35	Salinas, CA	67/55/pc	46
Alexandria, VA	80/60/pc	42	Fort Smith, AR	86/63/s	50	Marshall, NC	74/53/c	48	Salisbury, MD	81/59/pc	53
Alliance, OH	61/46/c	31	Framingham, MA	77/52/pc	33	Marshfield, WI	71/45/pc	34	San Angelo, TX	89/71/t	36
<ul><li>Amarillo, TX</li></ul>	76/61/t	42	Freeport, IL	71/49/s	44	Massillon, OH	62/46/c	36	Sarasota, FL	91/77/t	43
Ames, IA	75/55/pc	47	Fremont, OH	66/51/s	35	McLean, VA	79/58/pc	40	Savannah, GA	88/70/t	63
Anderson, SC	82/61/c	53	Fort Collins, CO	83/59/t	61	Melbourne, FL	93/74/t	32	Sheboygan, WI	62/48/s	36
Appleton, WI	69/47/pc	32	Gadsden, AL	83/57/pc	53	Memphis, TN	83/61/s	60	Shelby, NC	79/56/pc	49
Asheville, NC	76/54/pc	48	Gainesville, FL	96/72/s	44	Middletown, NY	70/49/pc	19	<ul><li>Sherman, TX</li></ul>	84/63/t	38
Ashland, OH	61/46/c	37	Galesburg, IL	74/47/pc	38	Milford, MA	75/51/pc	32	Shreveport, LA	87/66/t	55
Athens, GA	85/59/pc	56	Gastonia, NC	80/59/pc	48	Milwaukee, WI	64/52/s	41	Silver City, NM	91/58/pc	53
Augusta, GA	82/65/t	59	Glen Rose, TX	84/69/t	38	Monroe, MI	68/49/pc	34	<ul><li>Sioux Falls, SD</li></ul>	77/63/pc	50
Austin, TX	93/74/t	40	Gonzales, LA	93/72/c	59	Monroe, LA	84/63/t	59	Somerset, PA	63/47/pc	31
Bartlesville, OK	83/54/pc	47	Great Falls, MT	80/50/sh	36	Montgomery, AL	88/63/t	55	Somerville, NJ	77/54/pc	25
Battle Creek, MI	69/46/pc	38	Green Bay, WI	70/44/s	29	Muncie, IN	66/47/s	32	South Bend, IN	66/43/s	42
Bedford, IN	66/44/pc	32	Greenville, SC	81/59/pc	50	Murfreesboro, TN	80/53/s	52	Spartanburg, SC	79/58/pc	56
Binghamton, NY	60/50/sh	21	Hackensack, NJ	76/57/pc	25	Naples, FL	90/79/t	30	Springfield, IL	73/49/s	40
<ul><li>Bluffton, SC</li></ul>	85/72/t	62	Hagerstown, MD	76/56/pc	32	Nashville, TN	81/55/s	50	Springfield, MO	78/57/pc	48
Bremerton, WA	72/48/s	26	Hattiesburg, MS	92/65/t	62	Neptune, NJ	78/63/pc	31	St. Augustine, FL	93/75/pc	51
Brockton, MA	77/54/pc	31	Henderson, KY	72/51/s	39	New Bedford, MA	76/55/pc	31	St. Cloud, MN	74/57/pc	35
Brownwood, TX	86/69/t	33	Hendersonville, NC	76/55/pc	48	New Bern, NC	81/61/pc	58	St. George, UT	100/71/pc	56
Burlington, IA	72/52/pc	36	<ul><li>Herkimer, NY</li></ul>	62/53/sh	23	New Philadelphia, OH	64/46/c	33	Staunton, VA	76/53/pc	46
Burlington, NC	81/57/pc	46	Hillsdale, MI	68/45/pc	38	Newark, OH	66/49/pc	40	Stevens Point, WI	72/46/pc	36
<ul><li>Burlington, VT</li></ul>	64/55/sh	20	Holland, MI	60/49/s	41	Newton, NJ	72/50/pc	20	Stockton, CA	97/61/s	54
Cambridge, OH	68/48/pc	32	Hornell, NY	60/49/sh	19	New York, NY	75/59/pc	32	Stroudsburg, PA	72/50/pc	23
Camdenton, MO	77/52/pc	44	Houma, LA	92/74/t	46	Norwich, CT	76/51/pc	25	Stuart, FL	92/76/t	29
Canandaigua, NY	60/52/sh	19	Howell, MI	68/45/pc	37	Ocala, FL	95/74/pc	36	Sturgis, MI	67/44/pc	40
Canton, OH	61/47/c	36	Hutchinson, KS	83/58/pc	50	Oklahoma City, OK	83/61/t	52	Tallahassee, FL	98/74/t	64
Carlsbad, NM	89/69/t	69	Hyannis, MA	75/58/pc	41	Opelousas, LA	90/69/t	42	Thibodaux, LA	92/73/t	47
Chambersburg, PA	76/56/pc	32	Indianapolis, IN	67/47/pc	32	Oshkosh, WI	69/48/s	37	Topeka, KS	82/60/pc	51
Cherry Hill, NJ	80/61/pc	35	Iowa City, IA	74/50/s	42	Palm Beach, FL	92/81/t	27	Tuscaloosa, AL	85/62/t	53
Cincinnati, OH	67/51/pc	39	Ithaca, NY	60/50/sh	20	Palm Springs, CA	108/77/pc	55	Utica, NY	59/52/sh	19
Clarksville, TN	76/52/s	52	Jackson, MS	83/63/t	63	Panama City, FL	89/76/t	59	Ventura, CA	65/55/pc	33
Coldwater, MI	68/46/pc	40	Jackson, TN	79/56/s	54	Pekin, IL	74/50/pc	38	Victorville, CA	95/58/s	56
Columbus, OH	64/51/pc	36	<ul><li>Jacksonville, FL</li></ul>	97/72/t	62	Pensacola, FL	92/73/t	63	Vineland, NJ	79/57/pc	37
Corning, NY	64/52/sh	19	Jacksonville, NC	76/61/pc	61	Peoria, IL	74/50/pc	39	Visalia, CA	95/65/s	50
Corpus Christi, TX	94/78/t	48	Kent, OH	61/45/c	33	Petersburg, VA	84/60/pc	48	Washington, DC	81/62/pc	45
Daytona Beach, FL	94/74/pc	38	Kewanee, IL	72/48/pc	42	Phoenix, AZ	106/79/s	60	Watertown, SD	75/60/pc	38
Deming, NM	96/64/s	55	Keyser, WV	74/52/pc	33	Port Huron, MI	62/39/pc	29	Wausau, WI	72/48/s	34
DeRidder, LA	89/67/t	32	Kinston, NC	80/60/pc	58	Portsmouth, NH	75/53/c	33	Waynesboro, PA	76/55/pc	31
Des Moines, IA	76/57/pc	53	Knoxville, TN	80/58/pc	49	Poughkeepsie, NY	74/51/pc	23	White Plains, NY	74/54/pc	22
Detroit, MI	69/48/pc	35	Lafayette, IN	68/41/pc	34	Providence, RI	76/54/pc	23	<ul><li>Wichita Falls, TX</li></ul>	80/67/t	40
Devils Lake, ND	71/55/t	32	Lafayette, LA	92/71/t	45	Pueblo, CO	83/54/t	60	Wilmington, DE	78/58/pc	37
Dover, NH	74/50/c	29	Lakeland, FL	95/74/t	27	Quincy, MA	78/57/pc	30	Wilmington, NC	78/62/pc	61
El Paso, TX	98/72/pc	56	Lansing, MI	68/45/pc	40	Redding, CA	104/69/s	43	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	72/46/pc	38
Elmira, NY	65/52/sh	19	Las Cruces, NM	97/66/s	54	Reno, NV	92/64/s	63	Wooster, OH	62/44/c	32
Erie, PA	62/55/c	30	Lebanon, PA	73/55/pc	29	Ravenna, OH	61/45/c	32	Worcester, MA	71/53/pc	38
Eugene, OR	81/51/s	30	Leesburg, FL	96/75/pc	30	Richmond, IN	65/48/pc	35	York, PA	76/56/pc	33
	0.70.75	30		55, 15, pc	-		00, 10, pc	- 55		. 0, 00, pc	30

Air Quality Index: 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous

### **INTERNATIONAL CITIES**

Denotes possible travel delays Monday

	Monday High/low/W	Tuesday High/low/W		Monday High/low/W	Tuesday High/low/W		Monday High/low/W	Tuesday High/low/W		Monday High/low/W	Tuesday High/low/W
Acapulco	89/75/pc	89/75/c	Cape Town	79/59/s	70/56/pc	La Paz	60/30/pc	61/30/pc	San Jose	82/68/r	81/68/r
Addis Ababa	75/55/pc	74/55/sh	Caracas	90/77/t	90/76/t	Lagos	88/75/t	86/76/t	San Salvador	84/71/t	84/71/t
Algiers	83/64/pc	79/62/pc	Casablanca	76/63/pc	74/60/sh	Lima	67/59/pc	67/62/pc	Santiago	59/48/c	61/47/c
Amman	88/68/s	91/68/s	Colombo	88/82/t	87/80/t	Lisbon	75/60/pc	77/58/pc	Sao Paulo	83/61/pc	81/60/s
Amsterdam	57/47/r	59/47/sh	Copenhagen	64/51/c	62/51/c	London	62/46/sh	62/48/pc	Sarajevo	85/57/s	78/58/t
Ankara	87/56/s	92/59/s	Damascus	97/67/pc	99/68/s	Madrid	69/53/t	79/54/s	Shanghai	87/66/s	83/71/c
Asuncion	90/69/s	91/68/pc	Dublin	61/42/pc	58/42/pc	Manila	93/81/t	94/82/t	Singapore	90/80/pc	90/79/t
Athens	91/72/s	92/71/s	Geneva	72/52/s	66/51/sh	Mexico City	84/61/c	86/58/pc	Stockholm	55/43/r	63/45/sh
Auckland	66/53/pc	60/46/pc	<ul><li>Guatemala City</li></ul>	/ 79/66/t	78/65/t	<ul><li>Milan</li></ul>	82/63/t	77/59/r	Sydney	64/46/s	64/56/c
Baghdad	113/82/pc	111/81/pc	Hanoi	91/79/t	94/81/t	Mombasa	87/73/sh	87/72/sh	Taipei	92/76/t	90/77/t
Bangkok	89/81/sh	91/80/t	Harare	67/43/s	68/41/s	Montevideo	62/46/pc	66/57/pc	<ul><li>Tegucigalpa</li></ul>	82/69/r	85/70/t
Beijing	93/70/pc	97/68/s	Havana	88/77/t	86/78/t	Montreal	63/54/sh	73/57/pc	Tehran	99/78/pc	97/76/c
Beirut	83/73/s	84/73/s	Helsinki	61/53/sh	61/51/s	Moscow	71/63/sh	74/61/t	Tokyo	78/67/pc	82/69/s
Belgrade	91/66/pc	79/62/pc	Hong Kong	89/81/t	90/83/t	Nairobi	75/55/c	74/54/c	Toronto	62/51/c	68/54/pc
Berlin	66/52/pc	64/47/pc	Jakarta	92/78/sh	91/76/sh	New Delhi	111/90/pc	113/89/pc	Tunis	87/69/c	88/71/s
Bogota	67/51/sh	67/49/r	Jerusalem	85/66/s	87/67/s	Panama City	87/77/r	86/77/t	Vancouver	66/53/s	66/49/sh
<ul><li>Brussels</li></ul>	56/44/sh	60/44/pc	Johannesburg	60/37/s	61/40/s	Paris	63/46/sh	65/47/pc	Vienna	69/58/t	66/55/c
Bucharest	95/66/t	96/64/pc	Kabul	86/58/s	88/60/s	Port-au-Prince	99/76/pc	99/77/pc	Warsaw	69/52/r	71/49/c
Budapest	76/60/t	73/56/pc	Khartoum	102/84/pc	106/85/s	Rio de Janeiro	81/70/pc	82/70/pc	Yerevan	80/57/t	77/57/t
<b>Buenos Aires</b>	62/54/s	63/60/c	Kyiv	82/66/t	81/63/c	Riyadh	112/88/s	114/87/pc	Zagreb	81/61/pc	68/58/c
Cairo	97/76/s	99/76/s	Kingston	91/82/pc	90/82/pc	Rome	79/65/s	79/64/pc	Zurich	69/52/r	58/46/c

# Inflation, **Fed to offer** hints about **US** market

Recent data have sent conflicting signals

**David Randall** 

REUTERS

NEW YORK - Investors will closely watch this week's inflation numbers and Federal Reserve meeting for clues on whether the soft landing hopes that drove stocks to record highs are still justified.

This year's rally has lifted the S&P 500 up more than 12% year-to-date, on expectations the Fed can cool inflation without hurting growth. Yet recent economic data have sent conflicting signals: U.S. employment numbers released Friday were far stronger than expected, while earlier reports showed a slowdown in manufacturing and a firstquarter growth rate revised lower.

May inflation data, due Wednesday, must walk a tightrope to satisfy expectations of a "Goldilocks economy": satis factory growth with prices under control. Later that day, investors will look to the Fed for signals on the central bank's rate cut plans.

"The market would like some clarity and not see the Fed have to wait until December or January to begin cutting rates," said Paul Christopher, head of global market strategy at the Wells Fargo Investment Institute, adding a long period of elevated borrowing costs could hurt the economy.

Nonfarm payrolls increased by 272,000 jobs last month, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said on Friday, exceeding 185,000 jobs forecast by economists in a Reuters poll. After the data, futures markets showed investors trimming expectations for rate cuts, with chances of a September cut falling to about 55% from about 70% before the report.

Strong employment data countered earlier reports suggesting the economy was cooling, including a June 3 release showing U.S. manufacturing activity in May slowed for a second straight month.

Despite the S&P 500's march to new records, some investors worry the gains have concentrated in a few giant technology and growth names such as Nvidia, with the rest of the market far more tepid.

U.S. stock valuations remain well above historic norms, noted Ed Clissold, chief U.S. strategist at Ned Davis Research. The median price to earnings ratio of the S&P 500 would need to fall 31% to hit its long-term median, and 19% to reach its 20-year norm, he said.

"People are concerned about how far and how high this market has risen and how narrow it has been," said Raul Diaz, senior investment officer at Northern Trust Wealth Management.

Plenty of investors believe strong corporate results and a relatively benign macroeconomic environment can keep supporting stocks. First-quarter earnings came in about 8.1% above analyst expectations, according to LSEG data.

"We believe U.S. stocks are likely to remain supported by favorable macro conditions, healthy earnings growth, AI tailwinds, and the potential for a Fed pivot before year-end," wrote Solita Marcelli, chief investment officer Americas at UBS Global Wealth Management, in a note this week.

The bank recently upgraded its year-end S&P 500 target to 5,500, up 3% from where the index trades today.

Others believe political uncertainty, not economic data, will cause turbulence later this year. The first debate between President Joe Biden, a Democrat, and Republican challenger and former president Donald Trump will take place June 27, nearly three months earlier than the Sept. 16 date suggested by the nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates, which has managed them since 1988.

That could turn the market's attention to the 2024 presidential election earlier in the year than usual, said Grace Lee, senior portfolio manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments.

The market still on the surface looks like everything is fine, but I think there's a certain nervousness that may not even be about the economic data," said Lee. "People want to stick to what has been working and not go too far out on a limb into other areas that might see political ramifications, whether it's health care and drug prices or clean en-



Visitors play "Stalker 2" at the Xbox booth of the Gamescom video game fair in Cologne, Germany, on Aug. 23, 2023. Its latest hardware refresh could help Xbox boost sales of its consoles. INA FASSBENDER/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

# Microsoft makes public all-digital Xbox consoles

### 'Doom' title unveiled at Games Showcase

**Zaheer Kachwala** 

**REUTERS** 

Microsoft kicked off its annual Xbox Games Showcase on Sunday, unveiling a new all-digital version of its Xbox Series X and S consoles as well as trailers for more than a dozen games including the next installment of "Call of Duty."

The Games Showcase comes at a crucial time for Xbox and Microsoft as the gaming industry faces a downturn and publishers grapple with softer sales, layoffs and studio shutdowns.

Microsoft showed off three gaming consoles including a diskless version of the Xbox Series X and S consoles, and a special edition of the Series X with 2 terabytes of storage.

The hardware refresh could help Xbox boost sales of its consoles which compete with Sony's PlayStation 5.

Among the games on display was "Doom: The Dark Ages," the latest installment in the long-running "Doom" franchise, as well as a sneak peak at the newest "Gears of War" title, ending a five-year wait for one of Xbox's most popular properties.

A sizable number of games including the new "Doom" and "Call of Duty" will be available on Xbox Game Pass on the

day of launch, indicating that Microsoft is making big bets on the subscription service as it tries to woo consumers grappling with a relatively softer econ-

The Games Showcase was followed by a special feature from Activision Blizzard's studios that highlighted features, characters and gameplay of the new "Call of Duty: Black Ops 6", which is slated for a release in October.

Developers Treyarch and Raven software showed clips from the campaign of the game that takes place in the early 1990s, touting features such as a new movement system allowing players to sprint in all directions, and a glimpse at the fan-favorite "Zombies" mode.

# **Recruiters: UK job market recovering**

**William Schomberg** 

REUTERS

LONDON - A fall in permanent hiring by employers in Britain was its least severe in more than a year in May and the recruitment market appears to be poised for a recovery, an industry survey showed on Monday.

In a report that will be studied by the Bank of England as it weighs up when to start cutting interest rates, the Recruitment and Employment Confederation said permanent hiring fell by the smallest amount in 14 months.

Billings for temporary staff dropped by the least since January.

way back, with clear improvements ly slower than April's four-month high. over last month on most key measures," REC Chief Executive Neil Carberry said.

The REC survey has generally painted a weaker picture of the labor market than broader official data, which showed annual wage growth of 6% in the first quarter of 2024.

Britain's July 4 national election and the likelihood of interest rate cuts by the BoE later this year were likely to remove the hesitancy of employers about hiring, Carberry said.

"These numbers suggest that caution may be starting to abate," he said. REC said pay rates for permanent

"The jobs market looks like it's on its staff rose at a pace that was only slight-Vacancies fell at the slowest pace in a seven-month downturn.

In a possible relief for the BoE, the availability of staff grew by the most since December 2020, boosted by a mix of redundancies, higher unemployment and the reduction in demand for

The BoE is watching the labor market closely as it assesses when inflation pressure in the economy has abated sufficiently for it to cut borrowing costs for the first time since the start of the coronavirus pandemic more than four years ago.

## Volvo shifting EV production away from China

Volvo cars has started to shift production of Chinese-made electric vehicles to Belgium in the expectation that the European Union will drive ahead with a crackdown on Beijing-subsidized imports, the Times reported on Saturday.

Volvo, which is majority-owned by China's Geely, was considering halting sales of Chinese-built EVs bound for Europe if tariffs were introduced, the newspaper said, citing company insid-

However, the report added that shifting production of Volvo's EX30 and EX90 models from China to Belgium is expected to negate the need for the company to do so and that the company insisted suspending sales of EVs made in China was no longer being consid-

The manufacturing of certain Volvo models bound for the United Kingdom could also be moved to Belgium, Times

Volvo did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment outside of regular business hours.

The European Commission, which oversees trade policy in the 27-nation European Union, launched an investigation last year into whether fully-



Volvo revealed its EX30 fully electric small SUV during an event in Milan, Italy, in 2023. CLAUDIA GRECO/REUTERS FILE

electric cars manufactured in China were receiving distortive subsidies and warranted extra tariffs.

The anti-subsidy investigation, officially launched on Oct. 4, can last up to 13 months. The Commission can impose provisional anti-subsidy duties nine months after the start of the probe.

Relations between China and the EU have been strained by factors including Beijing's closer ties with Moscow after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The EU is seeking to reduce its reliance on the world's second-largest economy, particularly for materials and products needed for its green transition.

# Pivotal policies may be impacted

REUTERS

BRUSSELS – The European Parliament took a shift to the right after a four-day election concluded on Sunday, with more euroskeptic nationalists and fewer mainstream liberals and Greens.

The parliament's most important role is reviewing and approving new legislation and it generally comes up with amendments on which it and EU governments need to agree before EU regulations or directives can enter force.

The EU assembly will also need to approve the next president of the European Commission – most likely incumbent Ursula von der Leyen for a second term – and their 26 other commissioners.

The rightward shift could have a bearing on a series of important policy areas in the next five-year term.

### **Climate**

The next five years will be crucial for determining whether Europe achieves its 2030 climate change targets.

The EU spent the last five years passing a bumper package of clean energy and CO2-cutting laws to hit its 2030 targets, and those policies will be hard to undo.

But a more climate-skeptical EU Parliament could attempt to add loopholes to weaken those laws, since many are due to be reviewed in the next few years – including the bloc's 2035 phase-out of the sale of new combustion engine cars, which faced criticism during the EU election campaign, including from law-makers in von der Leyen's center-right political group.

The European Parliament will also negotiate with EU countries a new, legally binding target to cut emissions by 2040. That goal will set the course for a future wave of policies to curb emissions in the 2030s in every sector, from



The financial district in London is seen in May, the hottest on record. The next five years will be crucial for determining whether Europe achieves its 2030 climate change targets. HENRY NICHOLLS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

farming, to manufacturing, to transport.

### Defense, Ukraine

Foreign and defense policy are primarily the domain of the EU's member countries, not the European Parliament. So the election result should not have any immediate impact on EU support for Ukraine or military matters.

However, the Parliament will have a role to play in plans to encourage pan-European cooperation between countries and companies on defense projects and to get governments to buy more European military kit. The European Commission's Defense Industrial Program, which aims to realize those goals, needs the consent of both EU governments and the European Parliament.

Gains for parties that oppose greater European integration may make these ambitions more difficult to achieve. Similarly, for the Commission's plans to carry any real clout, they will need serious money from the next long-term EU budget, which must also be approved by the Parliament.

### **Trade**

The European Parliament's principle role in EU trade policy is in approving free trade agreements before they can enter force. It is not directly involved in trade defense, such as the imposition of tariffs.

The European Commission and some EU leaders argue that the bloc needs more trade agreements with reliable partners to make up for lost business with Russia and to reduce dependence on China.

A number of trade agreements are still waiting for approval, such as with Mexico and the South American bloc Mercosur, while the European Commission is also seeking to strike deals with the likes of Australia.

All those deals, and the Mercosur agreement in particular, have faced opposition and pushing them through parliament could be even more difficult with greater numbers of nationalist euroskeptics.

### China, US relations

The European Commission argues that the EU needs to present a united stance towards major rivals such as China and the United States, particularly if former President Donald Trump returns to the White House.

It also says the European Union needs a clearer unified industrial strategy to remain a major industrial base for green and digital goods as rivals pump in massive subsidies.

Critics say the nationalist right-wing parties advocate a looser, more fragmented Europe that will be less able to rise to these challenges.

### **Enlargement, reform**

The EU needs to reform its internal agriculture policy and the way it supports its members to equalize standards of living before it admits new countries, especially big ones such as Ukraine, because the current system of transfers is already seen as too costly.

To admit new members – Ukraine, Moldova and the Western Balkan countries – the EU will also need to change how it makes decisions, reducing the need for unanimity, which is proving increasingly difficult to achieve.

If such reforms are proposed in the next five years, the parliament will have a crucial role to play in shaping them and a stronger voice of the far-right, which opposes deeper EU integration, might have an important impact.



French President Emmanuel Macron said the EU result was grim for his government, and one he could not ignore. HANNAH MCKAY/POOL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

# Macron's move puts him in precarious position

Macron's shock decision to roll the dice on his political future Sunday set off a political earthquake in France, offering the far-right a shot at real political power after years on the sidelines and threatening to neuter his presidency three years before it ends.

If Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally (RN) party wins a parliamentary majority, Macron would be left with little sway over domestic affairs.

Macron said the EU result was grim for his government, and one he could not ignore. In an address to the nation, less than two months before Paris hosts the Olympics, he said lower house elections would be called for June 30, with a second-round vote on July 7.

"This is an essential time for clarification," Macron said. "I have heard your message, your concerns and I will not leave them unanswered ... France needs a clear majority to act in serenity and harmony."

Led by telegenic 28-year-old Jordan Bardella, the RN won about 32% of the vote in Sunday's vote, more than double the Macron ticket's 15%, according to exit polls. The Socialists came within a whisker of Macron, with 14%

Le Pen, widely seen as the front-runner for the 2027 election in which Macron is unable to stand, welcomed his decision.

"We are ready to take over power if the French give us their trust in the upcoming national elections," she said at a rally.

Macron's Renaissance party currently has 169 lower house lawmakers, out of a total of 577. The RN has 88.

### **Elections**

Continued from Page 1NN

the helm of the powerful EU executive arm.

And she was quick to present herself as a shield against extremes.

"No majority can be formed without the EPP and together ... We will build a bastion against the extremes from the left and from the right," she told supporters at the EPP's election night event in Brussels.

She added, later in the evening: "But it is also true that extremes and on the left and the right have gained support and this is why the result comes with great responsibility for the parties in the center."

Von der Leyen may still need support from some right-wing nationalists, such as Meloni's Brothers of Italy to secure a parliamentary majority, giving Meloni and her European Conservative and Reformists allies more leverage – which could upset other potential allies.

### Voters' worries

The center-left Socialists and Democrats are poised to be the second biggest political family, even as they lost four lawmakers to end up with 135, the exit poll showed.

Political observers attribute the shift to the right to the rise in the cost of living, concerns about migration and the cost of the green transition as well as the war in Ukraine – worries that nationalist and populist parties have seized on.

"I think a lot of people felt that Europe is doing things not with people, but just doing it on top of people," Greens' lead candidate Bas Eickhout told Reuters in an interview, asked why the far right was doing so well.

"And I think here we need to come up with a credible answer, otherwise, we're only getting further to the far right," he said, after the Greens and liberals lost ground in the election.

Euroskeptic nationalist groups ECR and Identity and Democracy and hardright lawmakers not yet affiliated to an EU political family from Germany's AfD secured together 146 seats, a gain of 19, the centralized exit poll showed.

The exit poll projected that pro-European center-right, center-left, liberal and Green parties will retain a majority of 456 seats, but one which is significantly slimmed down compared to their 488 in the outgoing chamber.

Europe's Green parties in particular suffered heavy losses, subsiding to 52 deputies from 71 in the outgoing parlia-

The European Parliament co-decides



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban applauds after the announcement of the partial results of the European Parliament in Budapest on Sunday.

MARTON MONUS/REUTERS



European Commission President
Ursula von der Leyen presents herself
as a shield against extremes.
PIROSCHKA VAN DE WOUW/REUTERS

with the intergovernmental European Council on laws governing the 27-nation bloc of 450 million people.

The exit poll gave the ECR three more deputies than in the last parliament for a total of 72 and the far-right ID group nine more seats for a total of 58.

The number of nonaffiliated deputies who may choose to join other groups, including the euroskeptics, jumped by 36 to 98, the exit poll said.

In Austria, the count of votes cast in polling stations on Sunday plus a projection for postal ballots confirmed the far-right Freedom Party won but by a smaller margin than had been forecast, national broadcaster ORF said.

In the Netherlands, estimates based on most of the votes counted confirmed exit polls that showed a Labour/Green-Left combination was set to have won eight seats, slightly ahead of the anti-



If Marine Le Pen's RN party wins a parliamentary majority, French President Emmanuel Macron would be left with little sway over domestic affairs. Led by Jordan Bardella, right, the RN won about 32% of the vote Sunday. SARAH MEYSSONNIER/REUTERS

immigration party of Geert Wilders' six seats.

In Hungary, Prime Minister Viktor Orban's Fidesz party was on track for its worst result in a national or EU vote in nearly two decades at Sunday's European Parliament election, where a political newcomer trounced all other opposition parties.

Initial results projected Orban's Fidesz and its small Christian Democrat allies winning 11 seats in the European Parliament with 44.2% of votes, down from a combined 13 seats prior to Sunday's vote.

The tally showed Peter Magyar's right-of-center Tisza coming second with seven seats at 30% of votes, more than all other opposition parties combined, and a better outcome than any of the polls leading up to the election fore-

# G7 plans warning for Chinese banks

### No immediate sanctions expected over Russian ties

**Trevor Hunnicutt and Lananh Nguyen REUTERS** 

WASHINGTON - U.S. officials expect the Group of Seven wealthy democracies to send a tough new warning next week to smaller Chinese banks to stop assisting Russia in evading Western sanctions, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Leaders gathering at the June 13-15 summit in Italy hosted by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni are expected to focus heavily during their private meetings on the threat posed by burgeoning Chinese-Russian trade to the fight in Ukraine, and what to do about it.

Those conversations are likely to result in public statements on the issue involving Chinese banks, according to a U.S. official involved in planning the event and another person briefed on the

The United States and its G7 partners - Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan – are not expected to take any immediate punitive action against any banks during the summit, such as restricting their access to the SWIFT messaging system or cutting off access to the dollar. Their focus is said to be on smaller institutions, not the largest Chinese banks, one of the people said.

Negotiations were still ongoing about the exact format and content of the warning, according to the people, who declined to be named discussing ongoing diplomatic engagements. The plans to address the topic at the G7 were not previously reported.

The White House did not respond to a request for comment. The U.S. Treasury Department had no immediate com-



Concern over the possibility of sanctions has already caused China's big banks to throttle payments for cross-border transactions involving Russians, or pull back from any involvement altogether, Reuters reported.

FLORENCE LO/REUTERS ILLUSTRATION

ment, but Treasury officials have repeatedly warned financial institutions in Europe and China and elsewhere that they face sanctions for helping Russia skirt Western sanctions.

Daleep Singh, deputy national security adviser for international economics, told the Center for a New American Security last week that he expected G7 leaders to target China's support for a Russian economy now reoriented around the war.

"Our concern is that China is increasingly the factory of the Russian war machine. You can call it the arsenal of autocracy when you consider Russia's military ambitions threaten obviously the existence of Ukraine, but increasingly

European security, NATO and transatlantic security," he said.

Singh and other top Biden administration officials say Washington and its partners are prepared to use sanctions and tighter export controls to reduce Russia's ability to circumvent Western sanctions, including with secondary sanctions that could be used against banks and other financial institutions.

Washington is poised to announce significant new sanctions next week on financial and nonfinancial targets, a source familiar with the plans said.

This year's G7 summit is also expected to focus on leveraging profits generated by Russian assets frozen in the West for Ukraine's benefit.

### **Russian business moves** to China's small banks

Washington has so far been reluctant to implement sanctions on major Chinese banks - long deemed by analysts a "nuclear" option - because of the huge ripple effects it could inflict on the global economy and U.S.-China relations.

Concern over the possibility of sanctions has already caused China's big banks to throttle payments for crossborder transactions involving Russians, or pull back from any involvement altogether, Reuters has reported.

That has pushed Chinese companies to small banks on the border and stoked the use of underground financing channels or banned cryptocurrency. Western officials are concerned that some Chinese financial institutions are still facilitating trade in goods with dual civilian and military applications.

Beijing has accused Washington of making baseless claims about what it says are normal trade exchanges with Moscow.

The Biden administration this year began probing which sanctions tools might be available to it to thwart Chinese banks, a U.S. official previously told Reuters, but had no imminent plans to take such steps. In December, President Joe Biden signed an executive order threatening sanctions on financial institutions that help Moscow skirt Western sanctions.

The U.S. has sanctioned smaller Chinese banks in the past, such as the Bank of Kunlun, over various issues, including working with Iranian institutions.

China and Russia have fostered more trade in yuan instead of the dollar in the wake of the Ukraine war, potentially shielding their economies from possible U.S. sanctions.



flight over a front line near Chasiv Yar on May 1. GENYA SAVILOV/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

# Russia appears to make headway in key Ukrainian town

Area hard to defend amid assaults, Zelenskyy says

**Ronald Popeski** 

**REUTERS** 

Russian forces appear to be making headway toward their longstanding goal of capturing the strategic Ukrainian town of Chasiv Yar, according to reports on Sunday from both sides of the more than two-year-old conflict.

Chasiv Yar stands on high ground about 12 miles to the west of Bakhmut, a town Russian forces seized a year ago after months of battles that flattened nearly all its buildings. It is seen by both sides as a potential staging point for Russia to advance on the key cities of Kramatorsk and Sloviansk.

Ukrainian media outlet Ukrainska Pravda quoted a military source and a blogger as saying that Russian forces had begun occupying a district of the town alongside a canal.

"Over the past week, there have been more than 1,500 instances of shelling of the outskirts of Chasiv Yar from the north to the south," it quoted its source

The source said Russian troops were using guided aerial bombs to clear areas along a major road "and with the support of multiple long-range missiles and...drones they have begun to move forward and build up their forces."

Russia's 98th Paratrooper Division, posting on the Telegram messaging app, said Ukrainian forces were "doing everything possible to ensure our units do not move across the canal and take up positions in the 'New' district on the other side."

Russian assault units were continuing to clear the canal district, it said.

Video posted by both sides showed soldiers making their way through virtually destroyed areas of an urban center and checking buildings.

Russian forces have been making gradual progress in areas of the eastern front since the town of Avdiivka fell to Russian troops in February. They have also launched a cross-border incursion into parts of northeastern Kharkiv region, though Ukraine says that advance has been stopped.

Ukraine has long anticipated a Russian advance and its top commander, Oleksandr Syrskyi, last month said Moscow's forces had hoped to capture Chasiv Yar in time for May 9 ceremonies marking the anniversary of the Soviet victory in World War II.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in his nightly video address on Sunday, made no mention of Chasiv Yar, but said the area around the town of Pokrovsk, to the southwest, remained the most difficult sector to defend.

"This is the toughest area along the entire front line, the one where pressure from the occupiers is the greatest," he said.

"Every day this is the site of the highest number of engagements. Only yesterday, there were more than 40 assaults and as of this hour today, there have been more than 20."

# Ukraine shares photos of newer Russian fighter jet hit for 1st time during war

REUTERS

KYIV - Ukrainian forces have for the first time hit a latest-generation Russian Sukhoi Su-57 fighter jet at an air base inside Russia, Kyiv's GUR defence intelligence agency said on Sunday, showing satellite pictures which it said confirmed the strike.

In a Telegram post, the GUR did not specify how the Su-57 was hit or by which unit of the Ukrainian military.

A popular Russian pro-war military blogger who calls himself Fighterbomber and focuses on aviation said the report of the strike on the Su-57 was correct and that it had been hit by a

The GUR said the aircraft was parked at the Akhtubinsk airfield, which it said was 366 miles from front lines in Ukraine between Ukrainian and Russian invasion forces.

"The pictures show that on June 7, the Su-57 was standing intact, and on (June 8), there were craters from the explosion and characteristic spots of fire caused by fire damage near it," the GUR said, with the images posted alongside the message.

Ukraine has been fighting a fullscale Russian invasion since February

Both sides conduct regular strikes hundreds of miles into enemy territory with missiles and drones.

Ukraine, which lacks the vast arsenal of missiles available to Moscow, has focused on making long-range drones to strike targets deep inside A popular Russian pro-war military blogger who calls himself Fighterbomber and focuses on aviation said the report of the strike on the Su-57 was correct and that it had been hit by a drone.

Russian blogger Fighterbomber said the jet fighter was struck by shrapnel and the damage was currently being assessed to see if the aircraft could be re-

He said if the plane were to be deemed beyond repair it would be the

first combat loss of a Su-57. Russian state-run news agency RIA Novosti's military correspondent Alexander Kharchenko posted a cryptic message which did not directly acknowledge the strike but decried the lack of hangars to protect military air-

Despite being touted as a Russian fifth-generation fighter aircraft to rival its U.S. equivalent, the Su-57 was plagued by development delays and a crash in 2019.

According to its manufacturer, serial production of the aircraft began in

It is a heavy fighter jet capable of fulfilling a variety of battlefield roles.



Despite being touted as a Russian fifth-generation fighter aircraft to rival its U.S. equivalent, the Su-57 was plagued by development delays and a crash in 2019. TATYANA MAKEYEVA/REUTERS FILE

# Unclear if Biden, Netanyahu to meet

### Israeli PM will address Congress in July

Jeff Mason

REUTERS

PARIS – The White House declined to say on Sunday whether President Joe Biden will meet Benjamin Netanyahu when the Israeli prime minister visits Washington next month to address the U.S. Congress.

"I don't have anything to announce today," Biden's national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in an interview with CBS's "Face the Nation," adding the two men were in regular communication.

"He's coming to address the Congress. The president talks to him all the time," Sullivan said. Netanyahu is scheduled to address a joint session of Congress on July 24. Biden has been a staunch supporter of Israel in its war with Hamas in Gaza, but there have been tensions be-

tween the two men over how Israel is conducting the war.

Biden, who is running for reelection in November, has faced criticism over his support for Israel from his left-leaning political base as the Palestinian death toll mounts from Israel's assault.

Sullivan said he hoped a cease-fire and hostage deal would be in place by the time Netanyahu came to Washington. Hamas must simply say "yes" to the proposal on the table, he said. Biden has welcomed the rescue by Israeli forces of four hostages held by Hamas and vowed to keep working until all hostages were released and a ceasefire achieved.

Sullivan did not say whether the United States had provided intelligence support to Israel in the hostage rescue or comment on how the operation might affect Hamas embracing a ceasefire agree-

men

"The fact is that the whole world is looking to Hamas to say yes," he said. "For all those people, for all these months who have been calling for a ceasefire now is the moment."

Speaking on ABC's "This Week" program, Sullivan said the United States did not know how many Palestinians died in the rescue

Gaza's health ministry said 274 Palestinians were killed while Israel's military said it knew of under 100 Palestinians killed, though not how many of these were fighters or civilians.

Asked if Washington would back similar future Israeli operation even if such numbers of Palestinian civilians died, Sullivan replied: "The United States will support Israel in taking steps to try to rescue hostages."

He also said Washington would keep urging Israel to minimize civilian casualties.



The Biden administration hopes a cease-fire and hostage deal will be in place by the time Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, comes to Washington.

DEBBIE HILL/POOL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

### Gantz

Continued from Page 1NN

political future is unclear.

A former paratrooper who grew up on a kibbutz and commanded the elite Shaldag commando unit, Gantz, the son of a Holocaust survivor, spent most of his career in the military. As army chief of staff in 2012, he oversaw an eight dayoperation in the Gaza Strip that began with the killing of the chief of Hamas' military wing in Gaza.

He served as defense minister in the previous government and for months, his hawkish military credentials allied to his opposition to Netanyahu's divisive campaign to trim the powers of the judiciary last year, made him seem like the natural choice to lead a future government.

He has also been notably more open to the idea of a political settlement with the Palestinians than either Netanyahu or his right-wing allies like Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich or National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, for whom a Palestinian state is an anathema.

Gantz, while mistrusting many Pal-



A Blue and White party election campaign banner in Tel Aviv, Israel, in 2021 depicts its leader, Defense Minister Benny Gantz, alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. CORINNA KERN/REUTERS FILE

estinian leaders, seemed more willing to accept that Israelis and Palestinians eventually had to learn to live in the same region. "No one is going anywhere," he said.

With relations between Washington and Israel at their lowest point in years over the conduct of the war and the mounting casualty toll in Gaza, Gantz, along with Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, appeared to be one of the few in government trusted by U.S. President Joe Biden's administration.

Earlier this year, he visited Washington, infuriating allies of Netanyahu, who has so far not received an invitation to the White House. But his political instincts have been no match for Netanyahu, one of Israel's wiliest operators, who rode out the rebuff from Biden and is due to address both houses of Congress next month.

Many on the left thought Gantz and his centrist partners should have left the government sooner. Others, like Einav Tsengaukar, the mother of one of the Israeli hostages left in Gaza, who begged him to stay and try to agree to a deal to get the hostages home, wanted him to remain. But in the end, his departure appeared inevitable.

Aviv Bushinski, a former communications adviser to Netanyahu, said in the end, Gantz's own attempt to pressure Netanyahu had only succeeded in paving the way for his own exit.

"Benny Gantz cornered himself because he cannot retreat, he cannot back off from the ultimatum."

### **Trump**

Continued from Page 1NN

As current law requires, tipped employees must report their tips as income. Eliminating this would add further to deficits without new revenues elsewhere.

Trump's Democratic opponent, President Joe Biden, has pledged to maintain Trump's tax cuts for households earning under \$400,000 a year, but wants to substantially raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans and on large corporations.

The Las Vegas speech was Trump's first large-scale rally since a New York jury found him guilty on May 30 of falsifying documents to cover up a payment to Stormy Daniels on the eve of the 2016 election, making him the first former U.S. president convicted of a crime.

Trump also continued to hammer Biden on illegal immigration, predicting that Biden's move last week enacting a broad asylum ban on migrants caught illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border would not make a difference, even though the ban is similar to restrictions Trump tried to implement when he was president.

"It's (expletive) what he signed," Trump said of Biden's executive order, prompting a wave of chants by the crowd repeating the profanity.

For days, Las Vegas residents have been coping with unusually high temperatures, part of a heatwave scorching the U.S. Southwest. The Trump campaign set up misting stations while partially overcast skies and a breeze helped mitigate the heat, though a handful of people had to be taken away for treatment.

### Swing states

Trump, who has repeatedly called people imprisoned for their roles in the Capitol attack "hostages" and said he may pardon them, on Sunday described them as "warriors" without blame.

"Those 'J-six' warriors – they were warriors – but they were really more than anything else, they're victims of what happened. All they were doing is protesting a rigged election."

Nevada is one of six or seven swing states likely to determine the election. A Fox News survey conducted after the



Donald Trump arrives to speak during a campaign rally at Sunset Park in Las Vegas, Nev., on Sunday.

JIM WATSON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

# Trump to sit for virtual interview with probation official Monday

Former President Donald Trump will have a virtual interview with a New York City Probation Department official on Monday following his conviction of 34 felony counts of falsifying documents, the New York Times reported Sunday.

The mandatory interview comes as that department prepares a sentencing recommendation for the judge. Trump is scheduled to be sentenced on July 11, and faces a maximum sentence of four years, though those convicted often receive shorter sentences.

Trump was found guilty on May 30, making him the first U.S. president to be convicted of a crime. The jury found him guilty of falsifying documents to cover up a payment to silence an adult film star ahead of the 2016 election after two days of deliberation. He has said he will appeal the verdict.

Trump campaign officials declined to comment on the interview Sunday.

Reuters

guilty verdict showed Trump ahead of Biden in Nevada by five percentage points, an advantage roughly in line

with an average of polls compiled by poll tracking website FiveThirtyEight.

Rebecca Gill, a political science pro-

fessor at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, said she was skeptical that polls were fully capturing where voters will be in a few months, given that many are not yet paying attention to the race.

Gill said she did not think Trump's criminal conviction has fully sunk in with voters and could deter some moderate Republicans from backing him. In addition, a proposed amendment to enshrine access to abortion in the state constitution would, if it makes it onto the ballot, likely boost Democratic turnout

"I think that (Nevada) is 100% still in play," Gill said.

Sunday's rally comes on the heels of a three-day fundraising push by Trump that included stops in San Francisco, Beverly Hills and Las Vegas, during which he raised \$33.5 million from donors, according to senior campaign adviser Chris LaCivita.

### **IN BRIEF**

### Oil slips on dollar's strength from US jobs data

SINGAPORE – Oil prices nudged lower for a second straight session on Monday, weighed down by a firmer dollar as expectations of interest rate cuts were pushed out further following strong U.S. jobs data on Friday.

Brent crude futures and U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures slipped 4 cents to \$79.58 and \$75.49 a barrel, respectively, by early Monday.

On Friday, data showed the U.S. added more jobs than expected last month, leading investors to trim expectations for rate cuts and causing the dollar to rally.

A stronger greenback makes dollardenominated commodities such as oil more expensive for holders of other currencies.

The euro also came under pressure, reflecting uncertainty in the eurozone after French President Emmanuel Macron called snap legislative elections for later in June after he was trounced in the European Union vote by Marine Le Pen's far-right party.

### Report: Elliott takes nearly \$2B stake in Southwest Airlines

Activist investor Elliott Investment Management has built a nearly \$2 billion stake in Southwest Airlines and plans to push for changes aimed at reversing the airline's underperformance, the Wall Street Journal reported on Sunday, citing people familiar with the matter.

Elliott is one of Southwest's largest investors and plans to engage with the airline's management team, the report said. The Dallas-based airline said in April it expected higher costs and slower-than-expected revenue growth as U.S. plane-maker Boeing will now be able to deliver it just 20 aircraft this year.

Elliott, one of the world's most prominent investors, is known for pushing for changes at companies to boost shareholder returns.

### Armenian archbishop calls for protests to seek ouster of PM

A large crowd protested in Armenia's capital Yerevan on Sunday against Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, led by a Christian cleric who announced the start of four days of rallies to seek to drive him from office.

Archbishop Bagrat Galstanyan is seeking to tap into popular anger over military defeats and territorial concessions to Azerbaijan, but Pashinyan has so far withstood the pressure.

Galstanyan called on parliamentary factions to hold a special session on Tuesday to remove the government from power. A live video stream on YouTube showed thousands of people rallying in the center of Yerevan and then marching peacefully through the streets with music blaring. There were no reports of arrests or clashes.

After weeks of protests against Pashinyan appeared to be losing momentum, Galstanyan is attempting to bring matters to a head with demands for a change of power within days. He is calling for the appointment of a transitional government to "implement reconciliation," manage foreign relations and prepare for snap elections.

### British TV doctor Mosley found dead on Greek island of Symi

British TV presenter Michael Mosley has been found dead in a rocky area of Symi, days after he disappeared during a walk on the Greek island, local officials and police told Reuters.

The 67-year-old healthy living advocate, who was had been a prominent face on British TV for two decades, was found on Sunday morning, ending a four-day search that included aircraft, drones and sniffer dogs.

Police spokeswoman Constantina Dimoglidou said the body of a person believed to be Mosley had been found in the area of Agia Marina, north of the village of Pedi and opposite the northeast beach of Agios Nikolaos where Mosley set out for his walk.

"It is certainly him," said deputy mayor Nikitas Grillis, pending formal identification of the body, which was found on rocky terrain, close to the sea and near a beach bar.

The body was transferred to the neighboring Dodecanese island of Rhodes for more tests, after a police official said a coroner at the scene excluded any criminal act but could not determine the exact cause of death.

Mosley, who was on holiday with his wife, was last seen alive at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mosley appeared on programs including the BBC series "Trust Me, I'm a Doctor", the BBC's "The One Show" and ITV's "This Morning."

Reuters



Newly elected Clara Brugada, center-left, alongside President-elect Claudia Sheinbaum, received the validity of the election certificate as Mexico's head of government in Mexico City on Saturday. HECTOR VIVAS/GETTY IMAGES

# Mexico ruling party wins lower house supermajority

### But similar bid in Senate falls short

**Daina Beth Solomon and Diego Ore**REUTERS

MEXICO CITY – Mexico's ruling Morena party and its allies have won a supermajority in the lower house of Congress but not the Senate, the party's president said on Sunday, falling just short of the two-thirds majority needed in both houses to change the constitution.

Preliminary results from the June 2 vote, which elected Claudia Sheinbaum as Mexico's first woman president in a landslide, had showed her party, More-

na, and its allies coming close but missing out on the two-thirds majority. Ultimately, Morena's coalition,

which includes the Green Party and the Labor Party, will control 83 seats in the 128-seat Senate, just shy of the 85-seat super-majority threshold, Morena President Mario Delgado said in a social media post.

In the 500-member lower house of Congress, the ruling leftist coalition will have 372 seats, above the 334-seat super-majority threshold, Delgado said.

"With a supermajority in the lower house and a majority in the Senate, we will deepen the transformation to keep building a country with well-being and shared prosperity," Delgado said.

Mexico's INE electoral authority had said it would recount 60% of votes.

Mexican opposition leader Xochitl Galvez, who lost to Sheinbaum in the election by some 30 percentage points, had called for a recount of 80% of the ballot boxes.

Uncertainty over the makeup of the next Congress, which takes office in September, roiled markets last week since both outgoing leftist President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador and President-elect Sheinbaum signaled their support for sweeping reforms to the constitution.

The potential reforms include the elimination of independent energy regulators, while consolidating power in the executive branch, in addition to an overhaul of the judiciary that would see popularly elected Supreme Court judges.

At the Zamzam displacement camp in North Darfur, Sudan, two babies were dying every hour according to an assessment by Doctors Without Borders in January.

MSF/MOHAMED

ZAKARIA/HANDOUT

**VIA REUTERS** 



# Sudan's al-Fashir main hospital shut down

REUTERS

CAIRO – The main hospital in Sudan's al-Fashir city has been attacked by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces and put out of service, Doctors Without Borders (MSF), which supports the facility, told Reuters on Sunday.

The city, in the Darfur region of northwestern Sudan, is home to more than 1.8 million residents and displaced people, and is the latest front in a war between the Sudanese army and the RSF which began in April 2023.

The RSF, which has taken over the capital Khartoum and most of western Sudan, is also seeking to advance further within the center, as United Nations agencies say the people of Sudan are at "imminent risk of famine."

Some 130,000 people have fled their homes in al-Fashir as a result of the fighting in April and May, the United Nations has said.

The RSF did not respond to a request for comment.

South Hospital was the only hospital in al-Fashir capable of handling daily mass casualty events, according to MSF.

From May 10 to June 6, some 1,315 wounded arrived at the facility and 208 people have died there, but many people are not able to reach the hospital due to the fighting, MSF told Reuters.

"It is outrageous that the RSF opened fire inside the hospital. This is not an isolated incident – staff and patients have endured attacks on the facility for weeks from all sides, but opening fire inside a hospital crosses a

line," said Michel Lacharite, head of MSF emergencies in a statement.

The hospital had previously started evacuating patients after being impacted by fighting three times since May 25, and the remaining patients and staff were able to flee.

The al-Fashir Emergency Response Room, a volunteer group, said on Sunday that several people were killed and injured in the attack and that medicine and an ambulance were looted.

An eyewitness told Reuters he saw people evacuating the hospital, and other eyewitnesses said the RSF had launched missiles at the hospital and its vicinity.

A separate attack on Saturday on the Abu Shouk camp to the north of the city impacted another medical center, injured more than 30, and killed at least two, the camp committee and a volunteer said.

A report last week from The Yale Humanitarian Research Lab said some 40 settlements outside the city have been struck with arson attacks since March.

Local residents have blamed the RSF for the attacks.

Leaving the city has proven dangerous, as residents say those fleeing have been attacked and even killed on the main RSF-controlled road out of the city.

Most of those leaving have taken routes either south to Zamzam camp, or west to the Tawila and Jebel Mara areas, which are controlled by armed groups, including the faction of the Sudan Liberation Army headed by Abdelwahid Mohamed Nour, an aid worker and residents said.

### Suspected rebels in Congo kill more than 80 in a week

Erikas Mwisi Kambale and Ange Kasongo and Yassin Kombi REUTERS

BENI – The death toll has risen to 41 following an attack on Friday by suspected Islamist rebels on villages in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, a Congolese army spokesman said, bringing the total toll in the region to more than 80 since Tuesday.

Friday night's attack, on the villages of Masala, Mapasana and Mahini, had been carried out by members of the Allied Democratic Forces, said lieutenant-colonel Mak Hazukay, an army spokesman in Congo's North Kivu province.

The ADF, which is now based in eastern Congo, has pledged allegiance to Islamic State and mounts frequent attacks, further destabilizing a region where many militant groups are active.

It originates from neighboring Uganda and is alleged to be behind multiple assaults in the area over the past week, including one in the village of Masawu that killed 17 people, two civil society leaders said.

On Thursday, five bodies were found in the villages of Kabweli and Mamulese, according to Justin Kavalami, a civil society member who helped search for bodies. The same day, six bodies were recovered from a river in the village of Mununze, that village's chief said.

On Friday, 13 bodies were found in the village of Makobu, a civil society leader and the village chief said, bringing the total number of people killed by suspected ADF militants since Tuesday to 82.

It was not possible to reach the ADF for comment.

During the attacks on Friday evening, armed men used guns and machetes to attack residents of the villages in Beni territory, local official Fabien Kakule told Reuters.

Vusindi Nick Junior, a local civil society leader, said a local health center had been set ablaze and nine people were injured in addition to the 41 killed.

"Several dozen civilians have been victims of the ADF in eastern DRC in recent days," said EU foreign affairs spokesperson Nabila Massrali.

# SPORT EXTRA

NBA FINALS CELTICS 105, MAVERICKS 98



Celtics guard Jrue Holiday (4) attempts a layup against Mavericks center Dereck Lively II (2) during the second half of Game 2 of the NBA Finals in Boston on Sunday.

# Boston goes on Holiday

### Celtics take 2-0 series lead over Mavericks

**Nick Galle** FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

BOSTON - Jrue Holiday racked up a team-high 26 points and Jayson Tatum flirted with a triple-double as the Boston Celtics picked up a 105-98 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday

night in Game 2 of the NBA Finals. Holiday went 11-for-14 from the field as Boston opened up a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. Tatum finished with 18 points, nine rebounds and 12 assists for the Celtics, who also got 21 points from Jaylen Brown and 18 from Derrick White.

boards and 11 assists for Dallas, which still managed to outshoot Boston 47.5 percent to 45.2 percent overall. P.J. Washington chipped in 17 points, Kyrie Irving had 16 and Daniel Gafford went

Game 3 is set for Wednesday in Dal-

The Mavericks tried to mount a late

Luka Doncic supplied 32 points, 11 rally after 3-pointers from Holiday and White on back-to-back possessions put Boston ahead 103-89 with 3:34 left in the game.

Derrick Jones Jr. scored four straight points as part of a 9-0 spurt that ended with a three-point play from Doncic, but Brown's layup with 29.8 seconds to go

See NBA. Page 2NS

**PGA TOUR** 

# **Scheffler continues** dominant season, wins Memorial

**Adam Schupak** 

Golfweek | USA TODAY NETWORK

Having already won this year at the courses famously connected to Arnold Palmer and Bobby Jones, two of the faces that would be etched on the Mount Rushmore of golf, Scottie Scheffler added winning at Jack's Place, shooting a final-round 2-over-par 74 at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on Sunday in the 2024 Memorial Tournament.

That was enough to hang on for a one-stroke victory, his 11th career PGA Tour title.

"It was a fun test of golf. I like it when it gets this hard," Scheffler said. "I didn't do a whole lot great today but I did enough to get it done."

The only other player to win the Players Championship in March, the Masters in April and the Memorial in

See GOLF, Page 6NS



**Scottie Scheffler and wife Meredith** Scudder, with Bennett Scheffler, pose for a photograph with the trophy for the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

ADAM CAIRNS/USA TODAY SPORTS

### **NASCAR**



at Sonoma Raceway. STAN SZETO/USA TODAY SPORTS

# Larson takes checkered flag at Sonoma road course

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Kyle Larson's good week only got better on Sunday in his home state.

Days after receiving a waiver from NASCAR allowing him to race for a championship, the Hendrick Motorsports driver won for the second time in

the past four races, claiming the Toyota/Save Mart 350 Cup Series roadcourse event at Sonoma Raceway in So-

The Elk Grove, Calif., native notched his third win of 2024 and 26th of his

See NASCAR, Page 7NS

# Olympic trio leads **Mercury over Wings**

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

It took two overtime periods, but a trio of reported Olympic teammates delivered a 97-90 road victory for the Phoenix Mercury over the Dallas Wings

Mercury standouts Kahleah Copper, Brittney Griner and Diana Taurasi are all reportedly named to the U.S. Olympic team and each made significant plays to seal the victory. Copper scored the first four points of the second overtime for the Mercury (6-6) and ended the period with eight points en route to a game-high 29.

Taurasi, just two days shy of her 42nd birthday, canned a jumper with 1:40 left in the second overtime to stretch the lead to 93-88. In the closing seconds she was fouled and then shoved to the floor by Teaira McCowan for a technical foul. Taurasi bounced up happily and finished her evening with 20 points, seven assists and seven rebounds.

Griner, playing in just her second game back after a toe injury forced her out of the season's first 10 games, contributed 24 points on 11-for-16 shooting. Griner added nine rebounds and five assists; she also hit the game-tying shot with 33 seconds left in regulation to force the first overtime.

Dallas (3-7) was led by guard Arike Ogunbowale, who finished with 25 points despite scoring just four in the first half. Ogunbowale added 10 assists and seven rebounds but shot just 9for-27 on the game.

### Lynx 83, Storm 64

Kayla McBride scored 32 points on 9-for-13 shooting, including 7-for-10 from beyond the arc, and the Minnesota Lynx pulled away for a win over the Seattle Storm in Minneapolis.

Napheesa Collier recorded a doubledouble with 19 points and 14 rebounds for Minnesota (8-3), which beat Seattle for the third time in as many games this season. Bridget Carleton chipped in 13

Jewell Loyd scored 25 points to lead Seattle (7-4). Nneka Ogwumike scored 14 points for the Storm, whose sixgame winning streak ended.

### Liberty 93, Mystics 88

Jonquel Jones scored a season-high 29 points and pulled down eight rebounds as the New York Liberty won their seventh consecutive game with a victory over the visiting Washington Mystics.

Jones scored off a layup with 8.7 seconds left off an outlet pass to put the Liberty (11-2) up three and then New York survived a desperation 3-point attempt by Jade Melbourne with 4.6 seconds remaining.

Sabrina Ionescu scored 19. Breanna Stewart added 14 and Leonie Fiebich made four 3-pointers and scored 12 for New York, which was back home after three in a row on the road.

Kennedy Burke gave New York the lead for good at 80-77 on a 3-pointer with 7:43 to play on a day when there were 11 ties and 17 lead changes.

### Sparks 96, Aces 92

Dearica Hamby finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, and the Los Angeles Sparks recorded back-to-back wins for the first time this season after dispatching the visiting Las Vegas Aces.

Rickea Jackson and Aari McDonald scored 16 points apiece for Los Angeles (4-7), which recovered from a 15-point deficit in the first quarter to defeat the two-time defending WNBA champi-

A'ja Wilson registered 31 points, eight rebounds and a season-high six blocked shots for the Aces (5-4), who have dropped three of their past four

Wilson scored at least 20 points for the 14th consecutive game, breaking the league record she shared with Diana Taurasi (2006-07).

**NWSL** 



Seattle Reign FC defender Shae Holmes (25) topples over Kansas City Current forward Temwa Chawinga (6) for the ball in the second half at CPKC Stadium. JAY BIGGERSTAFF/USA TODAY SPORTS

# Chawinga's big game leads Current past Reign

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Temwa Chawinga had two goals and an assist as the Kansas City Current moved into a share of first place in the National Women's Soccer League with a 5-2 victory over the visiting Seattle Reign on Sunday.

Vanessa DiBernardo, Lo'eau LaBonta and Lauren also scored for the Current (8-0-4, 28 points), which pulled even with Orlando atop the standings.

Jordyn Huitema tallied both goals for the Reign (2-9-1, 7 points), who suffered a fourth consecutive defeat since a scoreless draw with Kansas City on May 8 in Seattle.

The Current scored twice in the opening 90 seconds of the second half to break a 2-2 tie.

Just 30 seconds into the half, Chawinga drove the ball down the left wing and sent a cross to the top of the 6-yard box, and halftime substitute DiBernardo put a volley past Seattle goalkeeper Laurel Ivory.

Chawinga made it 4-2 a minute later, picking up a loose ball near midfield and charging in on a breakaway. She put a low, 12-yard shot into the left side netting for her team-leading seventh goal of the season.

LaBonta converted a penalty kick in the 67th minute to cap the scoring.

Both teams scored twice in the first

Seattle struck first on a counterattack in the 24th minute. Huitema ran onto Veronica Latsko's cross from the right wing and put a 5-yard volley past

goalkeeper AD Franch. The Current tied the score just four minutes later. Defender Elizabeth Ball sent a long pass from her own end of the field down the right wing. Michelle Cooper tracked the ball down and sent a cross to a wide-open Chawinga for a tap-in from 4 yards out.

The Reign regained the lead on a set piece in the 41st minute. Sofia Huerta sent a free kick diagonally to Jess Fishlock on the right side. Fishlock's cross to the far post pinballed off a pair of players, with the ball caroming back across the goalmouth. It took one bounce off the turf before Huitema put a diving header into the net before crashing into Franch.

# Turnovers trouble Mavericks' Doncic

Jeff Zillgitt USA TODAY

BOSTON — Luka Doncic took just two shots in the third quarter, didn't score in the fourth quarter until 1:15 remained in the game, and scored just nine points in the second half and three in the fourth quarter.

Yes, the Dallas Mavericks' All-NBA guard recorded his first NBA Finals triple-double with 32 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists, but he also had eight turnovers and was 4-for-8 on free throws in Boston's 105-98 victory against Dallas in Game 2 on Sunday.

"My turnovers and my missed free throws cost us the game," Doncic said. "So, I've got to do way better in those two categories."

Doncic had his second consecutive Finals game with at least 30 points, but he is also playing with injuries. He has dealt with a sore left ankle and a sprained right knee for much of the playoffs and was downgraded to questionable for Game 2 after adding a bruised chest to his maladies.

He said he injured his chest taking a charge in Game 1, but called himself OK and well enough to play. But a majority of shots were outside the paint, including several step-back, fadeaway jumpers.

"He was great," Mavs coach Jason Kidd said. "No matter what he says, that's just who he is. He's a leader. It's not all on him. It's a team. We win as a team, and we lose as a team.

"So, he put us in a position. He was really good tonight. Unfortunately, we



Mavericks guard Luka Doncic (77) controls the ball against Celtics center Al Horford (42) during the fourth quarter in Game 2. PETER CASEY/USA TODAY SPORTS

just couldn't get over the hump. I thought our defense was really, really good. We've just got to take care of the ball. There's too many turnovers that gave them points, and then also being able to score the ball, and right now, we've got to find someone to join Luka and Ky in that scoring category."

Doncic's stats in two Finals games look good: 31 points, 10.5 rebounds and 6.0 assists per game while shooting 51.1% from the field and 38.1% on 3pointers. He's also shooting just 46.2% on free throws and committing 6.0 turn-

The Mavericks' potent offense has been held under 100 points in both Finals games, and the Mavs are just 24.5% on 3-pointers.

Kyrie Irving is shooting 35.1% from the field and is 0-for-8 on 3-pointers. In Game 2, the Mavs were 16-for-24 on free throws and committed 15 turnovers leading to 21 Celtics points.

"We've got to make shots, we've got to make free throws and less turnovers," Doncic said. "Those three things I think are the key for a win."

### **NBA**

Continued from Page 1NS

dashed any hope Dallas had left.

Dereck Lively II threw home a dunk to get the Mavericks within 63-61 with 7:30 left in the third quarter, but the Celtics then started to pull away. Boston scored 17 of the next 23 points, with Brown's trey making it 80-67 with 2:04 remaining in the period.

Dallas cut its deficit to six before quarter's end, but Payton Pritchard nailed a 34-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer

to send Boston into the fourth with an 83-74 cushion.

Doncic took over in the first quarter, scoring 13 points to lift Dallas to a 28-25 lead. The Celtics stayed close by going 10-for-10 from the free-throw line through the first 12 minutes of action.

After Doncic canned a fadeaway with 10:08 left in the second quarter to push the Mavericks' advantage to 35-29, Boston put together an 11-2 run to go up 40-37. Neither team led by more than three until Holiday knocked down a triple with 37.1 seconds remaining in the first half to give Boston a five-point edge. Gafford answered with a dunk, forcing the Celtics to settle for a 54-51 lead at the

### Boston 105, Dallas 98 DALLAS (98)

Jones Jr. 4-7 3-3 11, Washington 6-13 4-4 17, Gafford 6-9 1-4 13, Doncic 12-21 4-8 32, Irving 7-18 2-2 16, Lively II 1-3 0-0 2, Kleber 0-4 0-0 0, Green 1-4 2-3 4, Exum 1-1 0-0 3, Hardy 0-0 0-0 0. Totals

**BOSTON (105)** 

38-80 16-24 98

Brown 8-15 4-4 21, Tatum 6-22 5-6 18, Horford 2-4 0-0 5, Holiday 11-14 2-2 26, White 6-15 2-2 18, Porzingis 4-7 4-4 12, Pritchard 1-2 0-0 3, Hauser 0-5 2-2 2. Totals 38-84 19-20 105.

28 23 23

3-Point Goals: Dallas 6-26 (Doncic 4-9, Exum 1-1, Washington 1-5, Kleber 0-2, Irving 0-3, Jones Jr. 0-3, Green 0-3), Boston 10-39 (White 4-10, Holiday 2-4, Pritchard 1-2, Horford 1-3, Brown 1-5, Tatum 1-7, Porzingis 0-3, Hauser 0-5). Fouled Out: None Rebounds: Dallas 43 (Doncic 11), Boston 41 (Holiday 11). Assists: Dallas 21 (Doncic 11), Boston 29 (Tatum 12). Total Fouls: Dallas 17, Boston 15. A: 19,156 (18,624)

### **Report: Hurley to** decide on Lakers' offer on Monday

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

UConn head coach Dan Hurley plans to decide whether he will become the next coach of the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday, ESPN reported on Sunday.

Per the report, Hurley was impressed with Lakers owner Jeanie Buss and Lakers vice president of basketball operations Rob Pelinka during their meeting and spent Sunday mulling a long-term offer to leave UConn for his first NBA coaching job.

Hurley, who guided the Huskies to back-to-back NCAA championships the past two seasons, traveled to Los Angeles on Thursday, met with the Lakers on Friday and went back to Connecticut on Saturday.

Buss and Pelinka informed Hurley of their plan to combine his successful methods at the college level as a tactician and developer of players with the Lakers' brand of basketball.

Per ESPN, Lakers star forward Anthony Davis is a big part of the talks regarding the team's next coach and how he'll be used on both ends of the

Hurley, 51, has posted a 141-58 record while leading UConn to four NCAA Tournament appearances during his six seasons at the helm. He had a 38-23 record during two seasons as the head coach at Wagner (2010-12) and a 113-82 mark in six campaigns with Rhode Island.

Los Angeles fired Darvin Ham on May 3 after two seasons, including an appearance in the Western Conference finals in 2023.

The Lakers went 47-35 this season, good enough for only an eighthplace finish in the Western Conference. They defeated the Pelicans in the play-in round to earn the No. 7 seed in the playoffs but were bounced by the Denver Nuggets in the opening round, 4-1.

# Alcaraz enters all-surface elite with title

**Julien Pretot** REUTERS

PARIS - Carlos Alcaraz made a grand entrance into the tennis history books as he claimed his maiden French Open title to become the youngest man to capture Grand Slams on all three surfaces with a see-saw five-set victory over German Alexander Zverev on Sunday.

The 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 win may not have been a classic, but the Spaniard showed that he belonged among the elite as he added a third Grand Slam crown to his impressive trophy cabinet that already has the 2022 U.S. Open and 2023 Wimbledon titles.

Alcaraz became the seventh man to win a major on hard, grass and clay courts, a feat that eluded some of the sport's greats, including American Pete Sampras, who boasts 14 major titles, but never won at Roland Garros.

At 21 years old, Alcaraz has played in three Grand Slam finals and won them all, while for comparison, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic were in their late 20s before they mastered the sport's slowest surface.

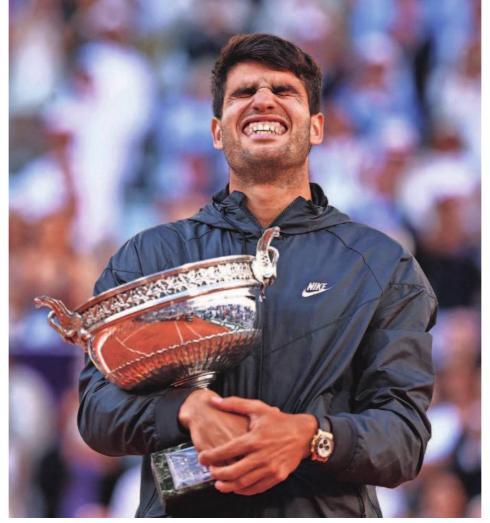
"Since I was little kid, I was running from school to put on the TV to watch this tournament. Now I am lifting the trophy in front of all of you," said Alcaraz, who was described by Zverev as a "Hall of Famer" in his speech.

Sunday's defeat prolonged Zverev's frustration at Grand Slams, with the German still chasing a first title despite reaching the last four eight times.

"I'll be back next year," Zverev promised.

In the first men's Roland Garros final not featuring any member of the Big Three - Rafael Nadal, Djokovic and Federer - in two decades, Alcaraz and Zverev failed to impress, their lack of consistency making for a disappointing display.

Alcaraz often looked like he had got the upper hand, only to let it slip several times, but he ultimately rose to the occasion against an increasingly frustrated Zverev, who entered the final on the back of a 12-match winning streak on clay.



Carlos Alcaraz celebrates with the trophy after winning the men's singles final at the French Open on Sunday in Paris. EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

The fourth seed has now lost both his Grand Slam finals, after losing the U.S. Open decider four years ago when he was two points away from victory against Dominic Thiem.

Alcaraz, who has suffered with bouts of nerves at Roland Garros, where his compatriot Nadal won a record 14 titles, kept his composure despite some blips.

On a sun-kissed court Philippe Chatrier, Alcaraz slapped a forehand winner down the line to snatch the early break, only for Zverev, who beat an ageing Nadal in the first round, to level for 1-1.

Alcaraz broke to love then held to move 4-2 ahead before Zverev staved off

a break point, but the Spaniard was a cut above and he bagged the set on his opponent's serve with a crosscourt forehand winner.

Alcaraz needed more than 10 minutes to win the first game of the second set after six deuces.

The 21-year-old's unforced error rate spiked and Zverev broke for 3-2 and, having put his frustration behind him, won three games in a row to level the

Alcaraz broke in the third set but remained inconsistent and serving for the set, the Spaniard made yet another string of errors that allowed Zverev back

The German seized the opportunity to break twice to go 6-5 up and serve it out to take the lead in the contest.

In a see-saw encounter, Alcaraz took the early advantage in the fourth set, breaking for a 2-0 lead with an eyecatching passing shot and then again for 4-0 with a splendid drop shot.

Yet his level dropped again right after, allowing Zverev to pull a break back before Alcaraz called the trainer on to have his left thigh massaged.

The Spaniard managed to wrap up the set to force a decider and a woeful third game by Zverev gave him the early break.

Alcaraz raised his level to save four break points in the next game and go 3-1 up but not before a controversial moment where he sent down a second serve that was called out, only to be overruled by the umpire after checks.

"There was some unlucky moments. I heard that at 2-1 the second serve was out. From the Hawk Eye data I saw that. I break back there. I have break chances and then in the next service game, a fifth set can go the other way," Zverev said.

"There's a difference whether you're down 3-1 in the fifth set or you're back to

"It's frustrating in the end, but it is what it is. Umpires make mistakes. They're also human and that's okay. But of course in a situation like that, you wish there wouldn't be mistakes."

Zverev, who was bidding to become the first German man to win a singles Grand Slam since Boris Becker in 1996, saw his hopes slip away on the biggest stage yet again.

Alcaraz broke once more before serving it out and clinching the title on his first match point.

"When you're playing a fifth set you have to give everything and you have to give your heart. In those moments, it's where the top players give their best tennis," Alcaraz said.

"I wanted to be one of the best players in the world, so I have to give extra in those moments, I have to show the opponent that I'm fresh, like we're playing the first game of the match."

# Oilers aim to cash in on chances in Game 2

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The Edmonton Oilers are concentrating more on the process than the result as they prepare for Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final on Monday in Sunrise, Fla.

After being blanked 3-0 by goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky and the Panthers in Saturday's best-of-seven series opener, despite outshooting and out-chancing their hosts by a wide margin, the Oilers are doing all they can to avoid any frustration from their best effort not being good enough in Game 1.

"It's encouraging in some ways the way that we played," forward Ryan Nugent-Hopkins said. "You want to stack up as many wins as you can as early as you can in the series, but it's a best-ofseven, a race to four. We did a lot of good things, couldn't find a way to beat them, but we can stay confident."

The Panthers, who are in their second consecutive final after losing to the Vegas Golden Knights last year, have plenty of experience dealing with the extreme scrutiny and focus of the championship round.

The Oilers only have a couple of players who have gone this far, thus the focus on keeping with the program and the game plan.

"I thought we didn't look out of sorts at all," said Oilers defenseman Mattias Ekholm, who is in his second finals series. "I thought we took it to them, had a really good start. I really liked the way we started the game and it blended into the next 40. That part of things was really good. Hopefully nerves are out of play now.

"Our best is good enough (to win)," Ekholm added. "That's something the whole room is feeling, as well. It's a matter of getting there every night, that's the hard part of it. We were close last night and I think we have another level, but I'm encouraged."

The Panthers, who are in search of the franchise's first championship, hold a lead in the finals for the first time in their third trip. As much as the Panthers expect an even better effort from the Oilers on Monday, they also expect better of themselves despite having won via shutout to open a second consecutive series.

After all, the Panthers were outshot

Oilers defenseman Mattias Ekholm (14) passes the puck against Panthers forward Sam Reinhart (13) during the third period in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup Final at Amerant Bank Arena. SAM NAVARRO/USA TODAY SPORTS

by a 32-18 margin during the game – 12-4 in the opening frame – and were saved by a brilliant performance from Bobrovsky. Florida's goalie has surrendered two or fewer goals in 11 of his last

'What can you learn from the game is the most important thing," Panthers coach Paul Maurice said. "Where can you get better? You want to temper all of that when you sit down and watch your video because the other team gets paid,

too. That's some pretty good players over there."

That said, the Panthers did gain momentum though the game, and they're ready to build upon that as well.

"Our third period was definitely our best, for sure," captain Aleksander Barkov said. "I know it was 2-0 for us, but we still tried to play in our zone and kept building on that. It was good after the first two periods that we played a good

Florida will need to elevate even more from that point against an Oilers team that knows they can ill afford to return home to Edmonton for the third and fourth games of the series in a 2-0 def-

"Well, we know we need to get better than what we were yesterday and we need to keep building because Edmonton is an unbelievable team," Barkov said. "They have so much skill in their lineup. It's going to be tough, for sure."

**SUNDAY'S ROUNDUP** 

# Mets rally late to beat Phillies

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Pete Alonso was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the top of the ninth inning as the New York Mets took advantage of an erratic outing from closer Jose Alvarado to edge the Philadelphia Phillies 6-5 on Sunday in London.

Alvarado had a chance to lock down his 12th save of the season after pinch hitter David Dahl smacked a solo shot in the seventh to put Philadelphia up 4-3. But Tyrone Taylor drew a walk to begin the ninth, and Alvarado never managed to find his groove.

Jeff McNeil and Mark Vientos followed with singles, with Vientos' hit bringing home Taylor to tie things at 4-all. Luis Torrens then walked to load the bases, and after Francisco Lindor struck out, Alvarado hit Alonso, allowing New York to move in front.

The Mets added an insurance run thanks to a passed ball charged to J.T. Realmuto.

### Yankees 6, Dodgers 4

Trent Grisham hit a go-ahead threerun home run in the sixth inning, Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 24th homer and the New York Yankees avoided a three-game sweep with a victory over the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers.

Grisham turned a 3-2 deficit into a 5-3 lead when he lined a 2-1 offering down the right field line. It was the fifth hit and third homer of the season for Grisham.

Shohei Ohtani narrowly beat Judge's throw from right field on Will Smith's sacrifice fly in the top of the eighth. Judge restored the two-run advantage in the bottom half by homering to left.

### Rangers 7, Giants 2

Marcus Semien homered and drove in two runs and Wyatt Langford tripled and had two hits and two RBIs as the Texas Rangers salvaged the final game of their three-game series with the San Francisco Giants with a victory in Arlington, Texas.

Semien, hit in the helmet by a 94.5 mph fastball by San Francisco starter Keaton Winn leading off the bottom of the first, scored twice and drove in two runs for Texas, which snapped a two-game losing streak. Josh Smith singled, walked twice and scored two runs, Ezequiel Duran had two RBIs and Adolis Garcia stole home for the Rangers, who finished with four stolen bases.

Mike Yastrzemski homered for San Francisco, which had a three-game winning streak snapped.

### Nationals 8, Braves 5

Keibert Ruiz hit a three-run homer to highlight a seven-run outburst in the fourth inning and spark the Washington Nationals to a win over the visiting Atlanta Braves.

Ruiz added a sacrifice fly and Washington won the final three games in the four-game weekend series. The Nationals lead the season series 6-2.

The Braves scored two runs in the second inning. Adam Duvall walked and later scored on a single by Michael Harris II. Travis d'Arnaud scored on a wild pitch with the bases loaded.

### Cubs 4, Reds 2

Ian Happ continued to torment the Cincinnati Reds with a three-run double and a clutch defensive play late in the game to help the visiting Chicago Cubs salvage the finale of a four-game series

Chicago lefty ace Shota Imanaga (6-1) won for the first time since May 1 after four no-decisions and a loss. Imanaga allowed two runs on five hits, striking out seven and walking one.

Cincinnati starter Frankie Montas (3-5) was charged with four runs on five hits while retiring just four batters as the Reds had their season-best seven-game winning streak snapped.

### Tigers 10, Brewers 2

Jake Rogers blasted a three-run homer as the host Detroit Tigers scored eight runs in the fifth inning and romped to a victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Gio Urshela and Zach McKinstry drove in two runs apiece, while Riley Greene had two doubles and an RBI as Detroit ended a three-game losing streak.

Brewers starter Bryse Wilson (3-3) was charged with seven runs in  $4\frac{1}{3}$  in-



The Mets' Drew Smith celebrates with Luis Torrens and Francisco Lindor after beating the Phillies on Sunday in London.

MATTHEW CHILDS/ACTION IMAGES VIA REUTERS



Trent Grisham of the Yankees hits a three-run home run against the Dodgers during the sixth inning at Yankee Stadium. LUKE HALES/GETTY IMAGES

nings. Brice Turang's two-out RBI triple in the seventh ended Tarik Skubal's shutout bid.

### Orioles 9, Rays 2

Adley Rutschman went 3-for-5 with a grand slam and Jordan Westburg was also 3-for-5 to help the Baltimore Orioles to a win against the host Tampa Bay Rays.

After going perfect through five innings, Baltimore starting pitcher Grayson Rodriguez (7-2) allowed two runs on two hits in 2/3 of the sixth. He finished the day with six strikeouts.

Rays starter Zack Littell (2-4) surrendered three runs on seven hits and fanned three in six innings.

### **Guardians 6, Marlins 3**

Tyler Freeman hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the seventh inning, and the visiting Cleveland Guardians beat the Miami Marlins 6-3.

With the game tied 2-2, Cleveland's Brayan Rocchio and Steven Kwan recorded back-to-back singles with one out in the seventh. Then Freeman sent a pitch from A.J. Puk (0-7) high and deep into the left-field seats to put the Guardians ahead for good.

Meanwhile, Jazz Chisholm Jr. and Jake Burger each homered, while Trevor Rogers overcame giving up four walks, by yielding just a run and two hits, while striking out five, in five innings for the Marlins, who have lost eight of their last 11.

### **Cardinals 5, Rockies 1**

Masyn Winn drove in two runs and Andre Pallante threw five scoreless innings as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the visiting Colorado Rockies.

Alec Burleson hit a homer and Pedro Pages had an RBI and two runs for the Cardinals, who salvaged a 2-2 split in the four-game series. Rockies starting pitcher Ty Blach (2-4) allowed four runs on eight hits in five innings. He struck out three and walked one.

### Twins 11, Pirates 5, 10 innings

Manuel Margot sparked a seven-run rally with a run-scoring triple in the 10th inning as the visiting Minnesota Twins avoided a three-game sweep with a victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Margot's hit off Ben Heller (0-1) drove in automatic runner Kyle Farmer to help the Twins snap a five-game losing streak. Carlos Santana doubled in two runs during the rally, Carlos Correa added a two-run single, and Max Kepler singled in a run.

Connor Joe drove in two runs while Oneil Cruz, Nick Gonzales and Rowdy Tellez each had two hits for Pittsburgh, which scored a run in the bottom of the 10th on Cruz's RBI single.

### Red Sox 6, White Sox 4, 10 innings

Jamie Westbrook and Rob Refsnyder drove in 10th-inning runs to help the visiting Boston Red Sox rally for a win against the Chicago White Sox.

Refsnyder and David Hamilton had two hits apiece for the Red Sox, who earned a split of the four-game series.

Paul DeJong and Corey Julks contributed two hits each for Chicago. DeJong belted a three-run home run in the fourth to give the White Sox a 3-1 lead.

### Mariners 6, Royals 5, 10 innings

Julio Rodriguez hit a run-scoring single into right field with two outs in the top of the 10th inning to break a tie and the Seattle Mariners went on to defeat the host Kansas City Royals to avoid a three-game sweep.

With Josh Rojas the runner at second

to open the 10th and the score tied at 3-3, the Mariners' Ryan Bliss put down a sacrifice bunt. After J.P. Crawford struck out, Dylan Moore drew a walk to bring up Rodriguez, whose eighth-inning double gave him hits in all 16 career games against the Royals. Rodriguez grounded a single to right off James Mc-Arthur (2-3), scoring Rojas and sending Moore to third. A walk to Mitch Garver loaded the bases for Cal Raleigh, who hit a two-run single to right to make it 6-3.

Hunter Renfroe led off the bottom of the 10th with a two-run homer to left off Austin Voth to score ghost runner Freddy Fermin, pulling the Royals within a

### Blue Jays 6, A's 4, 10 innings

Isiah Kiner-Falefa capped a career-best five-RBI performance with a bases-clearing double in the top of the 10th inning, allowing the visiting Toronto Blue Jays to defeat the Oakland Athletics in the finale of their three-game series.

After forcing extra innings with a game-tying run in the eighth, the Blue Jays loaded the bases in the 10th when A's reliever Austin Adams (0-2), who inherited an automatic runner at second, walked Justin Turner and hit Daulton Varsho with one out. Kiner-Falefa then drilled a shot to left-center, scoring all three runs and ultimately giving Toronto a fourth win in its last five games.

Genesis Cabrera notched his first save of the season despite allowing a run in the last of the 10th on an infield out by JJ Bleday.

### Diamondbacks 9, Padres 3

Jake McCarthy rapped out three hits, including a two-run homer that capped a six-run second inning, as the visiting Arizona Diamondbacks salvaged a split of their four-game series with the San Diego Padres.

Joc Pederson snapped a 1-1 tie in the second by grounding a two-run single to right against rookie Adam Mazur (0-1). Lourdes Gurriel Jr. followed with a two-run double to left and McCarthy finished the outburst by lining his third homer of the year into the right field seats.

Mazur was roughed up in his second MLB start, allowing eight hits and eight runs in three-plus innings after limiting the Los Angeles Angels to a run and two hits on Tuesday night. Mazur walked three and struck out two.

### Angels 9, Astros 7

Logan O'Hoppe's two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted the Los Angeles Angels to a victory over the Houston Astros in Anaheim, Calif.

The Angels rallied from a 7-5 deficit with two runs in the eighth inning to tie the game, setting up O'Hoppe's dramatic finish in the ninth.

Houston's Jose Altuve had a career high-tying four hits, including a two-run homer in the sixth inning that gave the Astros a 7-4 lead. But they did not score again.

### **MLB**

### **SUNDAY'S BOX SCORES**

N.Y. Yanke	es 6,	L.	۱. D	odg	jers	4		
LAD000	0	21	01	0 -		4	9	0
NYY002	0	03	01	lx -	. (	6	9	0
L.A. Dodgers	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO		Avg.
Betts ss	5	0	1	2	0	2		.309
Ohtani dh	4	- 1	1	0	0	0		.310
Freeman 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0		.290
Smith c	3	0	0	1	0	0		.288
Hernandez If	4	- 1	2	- 1	0	1		.266
Heyward rf	4	0	0	0	0	2		.230
Pages cf	3	1	1	0	1	1		.260
Lux 2b	4	1	3	0	0	1		.216
Hernandez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1		.207
Totals	34	4	9	4	2	8		
N.Y. Yankees	AB	R	Н	BI		SO		Avg.
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	0	2		.280
Verdugo If	4	2	2	0	0	1		.261
Judge rf	4	2	3	2	0	1		.305
Stanton dh	4	0	0	0	0	3		.224
Grisham cf	2	- 1	1	3	2	1		.100
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1		.230
LeMahieu 1b	3	0	1	0	0	2		.219
Cabrera 3b	3	1	1	1	0	2		.238
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	0	1		.254
Totals	31	6	9	6	2	14		
2B: Betts (15),					He			dez

(14), Pages (8), Verdugo (14), Judge (21). HR: Hernandez (16), Judge (24), Grisham (3), Cabrera (5). RBI: Betts 2 (37), Smith (39), Hernandez (48), Judge 2 (59), Grisham 3 (9), Cabrera (22). CS: LeMahieu (1). SB: Lux (3). SF: Smith. Runners left in scoring position: L.A. Dodgers 4 (Betts 2, Ohtani, Lux), N.Y. Yankees 2 (Stanton, LeMahieu). RISP: L.A. Dodgers 2 for 11, N.Y. Yankees 2 for 6. GIDP: Betts, Torres. DP: L.A. Dodgers 1, N.Y. Yankees 1.

L.A. Dougers	II.	п	ĸ	EK	DD	30	NP	ER
Glasnow L, 6-5	6.0	8	5	5	1	121	104	3.2
Ramirez	2.0	1	1	1	1	2	28	5.1
N.Y. Yankees	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ER
Gil	5.2	5	3	3	1	5	96	2.0
Ferguson W, 1-3	0.1	1	0	0	1	1	11	4.9
Weaver H, 9	2.0	1	1	1	0	1	24	2.7
Holmes S, 19	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	24	1.2
Ferguson pitc	hed to	o 2	ba	itte	ers	in t	he	7th
Inherited rur	ners:	١	۷e	ave	er	2-2	2.	W

Glasnow Umpires: HP-Ceja, 1B-Gonzalez. 2B-Tichenor, 3B-Jimenez. T: 2:44. A: 48,023 (46,537)

Arizona	a 9, 9	San	Die	ego	3	
Arizona 160	20	0	00	0 –	9	15
San Diego 111	0	00	0	00 -	- 3	7
Arizona	AB	R	н	BI	BB S	) I

Jan Diego I I I	01	,,	v	00		3	
Arizona	AB	R	Н	BI	ВВ	SO	Avg.
Carroll cf	4	2	2	0	1	0	.204
Marte 2b	4	2	1	0	1	0	.281
Pederson dh	4	1	1	2	1	2	.283
Walker 1b	5	0	2	2	0	2	.256
Gurriel Jr. If	5	2	2	2	0	1	.247
McCarthy rf	4	1	3	2	1	0	.282
Suarez 3b	5	0	1	1	0	1	.200
Moreno c	5	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Newman ss	4	1	3	0	0	0	.266
Totals	40	9	15	9	4	6	
iotais	70				-	_	
San Diego	AB	R	Н	BI	BB		Avg.
San Diego Arraez 1b	<b>AB</b> 5	<b>R</b> 0	<b>H</b> 0	<b>BI</b> 0	<b>BB</b> 0		Avg. .331
San Diego Arraez 1b Tatis Jr. rf	<b>AB</b> 5 4	<b>R</b> 0	<b>H</b> 0 1	<b>BI</b> 0 1	<b>BB</b> 0	<b>SO</b> 0	.331 .281
San Diego Arraez 1b Tatis Jr. rf Profar If	<b>AB</b> 5 4 4	<b>R</b> 0 1	<b>H</b> 0 1 2	<b>BI</b> 0 1 1	<b>BB</b> 0 1 0	<b>SO</b> 0 0 2	.331 .281 .325
San Diego Arraez 1b Tatis Jr. rf Profar If Cronenworth 2b	<b>AB</b> 5 4 4 3	<b>R</b> 0 1 1 0	<b>H</b> 0 1 2 1	0 1 1 0	<b>BB</b> 0 1 0 1	0 0 2 0	.331 .281 .325 .262
San Diego Arraez 1b Tatis Jr. rf Profar If Cronenworth 2b Solano 3b	<b>AB</b> 5 4 4 3 3	<b>R</b> 0 1 1 0 1	H 0 1 2 1 0	BI 0 1 1 0 0 0	BB 0 1 0 1 1 1	\$0 0 0 2 0	.331 .281 .325 .262 .314
San Diego Arraez 1b Tatis Jr. rf Profar If Cronenworth 2b Solano 3b Peralta dh	<b>AB</b> 5 4 4 3 3	R 0 1 1 0 1 0	H 0 1 2 1 0	BI 0 1 1 0 0	BB 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0	0 0 2 0	.331 .281 .325 .262 .314 .250
San Diego Arraez 1b Tatis Jr. rf Profar If Cronenworth 2b Solano 3b Peralta dh Merrill cf	<b>AB</b> 5 4 4 3 3 4	R 0 1 1 0 1 0 0	H 0 1 2 1 0 1	BI 0 1 1 0 0 0	BB 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0	0 0 2 0 1 1 0	.331 .281 .325 .262 .314 .250 .272
San Diego Arraez 1b Tatis Jr. rf Profar If Cronenworth 2b Solano 3b Peralta dh Merrill Cf Kim ss	5 4 4 3 3 3 4 4 4	R 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	H 0 1 2 1 0 1 1 0	BI 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	BB 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0	50 0 0 2 0 1 1 0 1	.331 .281 .325 .262 .314 .250 .272 .220
San Diego Arraez 1b Tatis Jr. rf Profar If Cronenworth 2b Solano 3b Peralta dh Merrill cf	<b>AB</b> 5 4 4 3 3 4	R 0 1 1 0 1 0 0	H 0 1 2 1 0 1	BI 0 1 1 0 0 0	BB 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 0 0	0 0 2 0 1 1 0	.331 .281 .325 .262 .314 .250 .272

E: Newman, Brito. 2B: Gurriel Jr. (12). HR: McCarthy (3), Tatis Jr. (12), Profar (10).

RBI: Pederson 2 (23), Walker 2 (41), Gurriel
Jr. 2 (39), McCarthy 2 (15), Suarez (30),
Tatis Jr. (34), Profar (43), Campusano
(28). CS: Newman (1). SB: Carroll (11),
Marte (2), Merrill (9). Runners left in scoring position: Arizona 5 (Pederson, Walker, Suarez 2, Moreno), San Diego 5 (Arraez 2, Merrill, Kim 2). **RISP:** Arizona 8 for 16, San Diego 1 for 6. GIDP: Arraez. DP: Arizona 1

IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ERA
0.2	1	1	1	0	1	13	6.62
2.1	3	2	2	2	- 1	46	5.58
1.1	1	0	0	0	0	17	3.46
1.1	0	0	0	0	- 1	21	3.80
1.1	0	0	0	- 1	- 1	16	0.39
1.0	2	0	0	0	- 1	26	1.00
1.0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3.75
IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	NP	ERA
3.0	8	8	8	3	2	82	9.00
3.0	5	1	1	0	3	45	3.60
2.0	2	0	0	0	- 1	28	5.76
1.0	0	0	0	1	Λ	26	4.61
	0.2 2.1 1.1 1.1 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	0.2 1 2.1 3 1.1 1 1.1 0 1.1 0 1.0 2 1.0 0 IP H 3.0 8 3.0 5 2.0 2	0.2 1 1 1 2.1 3 2 1.1 1 0 0 1.1 0 0 0 1.0 0 0 0 1.0 8 8 3 3.0 5 8 1 2.0 2 0	0.2 1 1 1 1 2.1 3 2 2 1.1 1 0 0 0 1.1 0 0 0 0 1.0 2 0 0 0 0 1.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0.2 1 1 1 0 2 1 3 2 2 2 2 1.1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1.1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1.1 0 0 0 0	0.2 1 1 1 0 1 2.1 3 2 2 2 2 1 1.1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1.1 0 0 0 0 1 1.1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1.1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1 1.0 1.0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	0.2 1 1 1 0 1 13 2.1 3 2 2 2 1 46 1.1 1 0 0 0 0 17 1.1 0 0 0 0 1 21 1.1 0 0 0 0 1 12 1.1 0 0 0 0 1 12 1.0 0 0 0 0 1 15 1.0 0 0 0 0 1 5 1.0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

Mazur pitched to 1 batter in the 4th Inherited runners: Mantiply 1-1, Brito 1-0.

HBP: Peralta. Umpires: HP-Ramos,
1B-Bacchus, 2B-Estabrook, 3B-Gibson. T: 3:01. A: 41,979 (40,019).

L.A. Ang	jels	9, I	Hou	sto	n 7		
Houston 003	00	4	00	0 –	7	1	4 2
LAA 010	21	1	02	2 –	9	1	2 0
Houston	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Altuve 2b	5	2	4	3	0	0	.297
Bregman 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.237
Cabbage If	1	0	0	0	0	1	.227
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	2	0	.292
Pena ss	5	0	1	1	0	0	.300
Diaz c	5	0	1	0	0	1	.257
Meyers cf	5	0	2	0	0	2	.263
Dubon If-3b	3	2	1	0	- 1	0	.297
Abreu 1b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.132
McCormick rf	4	- 1	2	1	0	2	.214
Totals	38	7	14	7	3	6	
L.A. Angels	AB	R	Н	BI		SO	Avg.
Stefanic 2b	5	0	0	1	0	0	.167
Guillorme 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.289
Rengifo 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.316
Ward If	5	0	0	0	0	2	.247
Calhoun dh	3	1	2	1	1	0	.296
b-Tucker pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.178
a-Adell ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Pillar rf	4	3	2	0	0	1	.330
O'Hoppe c	5	3	4	2	0	0	.269
Schanuel 1b	2	0	0	2	0	2	.211
Neto ss	3	1	1	1	0	2	.247

3 0 1 2 1 1 35 9 12 9 2 8 Totals a-flied out for Tucker in 9th. b-ran for Calhoun in 7th.

E: Dubon 2. 2B: Bregman (12), Meyers (6),

Abreu (2), McCormick (4), Pillar (6), O'Hoppe (8), Neto (14). HR: Altuve (10), O'Hoppe (8). RBI: Altuve 3 (25), Bregman (30), Pena (24), Abreu (7), McCormick (9), Stefanic (1), Calhoun (8), O'Hoppe 2 (28), Schanuel 2 (22), Neto (24), Moniak 2 (11). Schanuel 2 (22), Neto (24), Montark 211, CS: Moniak (1), SB: Meyers (5), Rengifo 2 (17), O'Hoppe (1), Moniak (4). SF: Schanuel 2. Runners left in scoring position: Houston 6 (Alvarez, Diaz 2, Abreu 2, McCormick), L.A. Angels 5 (Stefanic 2, Ward 2, Pillar). RISP: Houston 5 for 12, L.A. Angels 5 for 13. **GIDP:** Bregman, Alvarez, Diaz, Pillar. **DP:** Houston 1, L.A. Angels 3.

Verlander	5.0	7	4	4	0	3	101	3.9
Martinez H, 3	0.2	0	1	0	0	2	15	2.13
Montero H, 8	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	8	3.04
Abreu H, 14	1.0	0	0	0	1	- 1	26	2.9
Pressly BS, 5	0.2	2	2	2	- 1	- 1	17	5.40
Hader L, 3-4	0.2	2	2	2	0	1	15	4.0
L.A. Angels	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ER/
Sandoval	5.2	8	5	5	3	4	99	5.23
Sandoval Strickland	5.2 0.1	8	5 2	5 2	3	4	99 10	5.23 3.33
Strickland	0.1	2	2	2	0	0	10	3.3
Strickland Moore	0.1	2	0	0	0	0	10 18	3.33 5.1

IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Strickland 1-0. **HBP:** Bregman, Rengifo, Pillar, Neto. **IBB:** Sandoval (1). **WP:** Pressly. **Umpires:** HP-Tumpane, 1B-Mahrley, 2R-Parra 3B-Wendelstedt. T: 3:13. A: 42,703 (45,517).

### Toronto 6, Oakland 4 (10) Toronto.020 000 010 3 - 6 7

10101160.020	000	٠.		•		•	
Oakland000	001	20	0	1-	- 4	4	7
Toronto	AB	R	Н	BI	ВВ	SO	Avg
Horwitz 2b	4	0	1	0	1	0	.16
Jansen c	4	0	0	0	- 1	0	.26
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.29
Bichette ss	4	- 1	0	0	0	0	.23
Turner dh	3	- 1	1	0	- 1	- 1	.23
b-Clement pr-3b	0	1	0	0	0	0	.23
Springer rf	4	- 1	1	0	0	0	.20
Varsho lf-cf	3	2	1	0	0	- 1	.21
Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	0	2	5	0	0	.27
Kiermaier cf	2	0	0	0	0	- 1	.20
a-Schneider ph-lf	1	0	0	- 1	0	0	.23
Totals	33	6	7	6	3	5	
Oakland	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	S0	Αv
Toro 3b	5	0	1	2	0	2	.26
Bleday cf	4	0	0	- 1	1	0	.23
Rooker dh	5	1	1	- 1	0	1	.27
Andujar If	4	0	2	0	0	1	.30
Cameron rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.22
c-Brown ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.19
Langeliers c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.19
Soderstrom 1b	3	- 1	1	0	1	0	.19
Diaz 2h	4	1	1	0	0	1	.13

4 1 1 0 0 1 .133 3 1 0 0 0 2 .252 36 4 7 4 2 10 Schuemann ss Totals a-hit a sacrifice fly for Kiermaier in 8th. b-ran for Turner in 10th. c-struck out for Cameron in 8th.

Cameron in str. 2B: Turner (12), Kiner-Falefa (7), Andujar (3). HR: Rooker (13). RBI: Kiner-Falefa 5 (26), Schneider (31), Toro 2 (23), Bleday (24), Rooker (40). CS: Kiner-Falefa (1). SB: Springer (8), Varsho (7). SF: Schneider. S: Kiner-Falefa, Schuemann. Runners left in scoring position: Toronto 3 (Guerrero Jr. 2, Bichette), Oakland 3 (Rooker, Soderstrom, Schuemann). RISP: Toronto 3



Orioles catcher Adley Rutschman hits an RBI single against the Rays in the third inning at Tropicana Field. NATHAN RAY SEEBECK/USA TODAY SPORTS

Toronto	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Francis	4.0	3	0	0	1	3	49	7.36
Pop	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	11	4.15
Pearson H, 3	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	11	4.62
Richards BS, 1	0.2	2	2	2	1	0	13	3.48
Green	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	16	2.03
Garcia W, 3-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	2.08
Cabrera S, 1	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	8	5.25

 
 7.0
 5
 2
 2
 0
 3
 89
 3.68

 1.0
 1
 1
 1
 0
 0
 11
 3.24

 1.0
 0
 0
 0
 0
 1
 13
 2.12

 1.0
 1
 3
 2
 3
 1
 30
 3.63
 Adams L. 0-2 Inherited runners: Green 1-1. HBP: Varsho. IBB: Adams (2). WP: Adams. Umpires:

IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

### HP-Knight, 1B-Guccione, 2B-Morales, 3B-Additon. T: 2:32. A: 11,276 (46,847). Boston 6, Chicago White Sox 4 (10) Boston.....000 111 001 2 - 6 8 3 CWS...... 000 300 100 0 - 4 7 1

Boston	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Duran If	4	3	1	0	- 1	0	.263
Valdez 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0	.184
a-Westbrook ph-2b		0	0	1	0	- 1	.167
Refsnyder rf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.336
Smith 1b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.221
d-Cooper ph-1b	3	0	1	1	0	1	.171
Wong dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.329
Hamilton ss	5	2	2	1	0	2	.282
Dalbec 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.149
McGuire c	3	0	1	1	0	0	.220
Rafaela cf	4	1	0	0	0	2	.212
Totals	36	6	8	5	3	9	
Totals Chicago						9	Avg.
Totals Chicago Julks If	36	6	8	5	3	9	
	36 AB	6 R	8 H	5 BI	3 BB	9 S0	Avg.
Totals Chicago Julks If	36 AB 4 1 4	<b>R</b> 0	8 H 2	<b>BI</b> 0	<b>BB</b> 0	9 50 1 1 2	Avg.
Totals Chicago Julks If c-Ellis pr-If	36 AB 4 1	<b>R</b> 0 1	<b>H</b> 2 0	<b>BI</b> 0 0 0 0 0	<b>BB</b> 0 0 0 1	9 50 1 1 2 2	Avg. .288 .000 .239 .188
Totals  Chicago Julks If c-Ellis pr-If Lopez 2b Robert Jr. cf Sheets dh	36 AB 4 1 4 4 4	<b>R</b> 0 1 0	8 2 0 0	<b>BI</b> 0 0 0	3 BB 0 0 0	9 50 1 2 2 2	Avg. .288 .000 .239
Totals  Chicago Julks If c-Ellis pr-If Lopez 2b Robert Jr. cf Sheets dh Vaughn 1b	36 AB 4 1 4 4 4 5	<b>R</b> 0 1 0 0	8 2 0 0 0 1 1	<b>BI</b> 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	3 BB 0 0 0 1 1 0	9 1 1 2 2 2 2	Avg. .288 .000 .239 .188
Totals  Chicago Julks If c-Ellis pr-If Lopez 2b Robert Jr. cf Sheets dh Vaughn 1b DeJong ss	36 AB 4 1 4 4 4 5 5	<b>R</b> 0 1 0 0 1	8 2 0 0 1 1 2	BI 0 0 0 0 1 0 3	<b>BB</b> 0 0 0 1	9 1 1 2 2 2 2 2	Avg. .288 .000 .239 .188 .246
Totals  Chicago Julks If c-Ellis pr-If Lopez 2b Robert Jr. cf Sheets dh Vaughn 1b	36 AB 4 1 4 4 4 5 5 3	<b>R</b> 0 1 0 0 1 1 1	8 2 0 0 0 1 1	BI 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0	3 BB 0 0 0 1 1 0	9 1 1 2 2 2 2	Avg. .288 .000 .239 .188 .246 .217
Totals  Chicago Julks If Ce-Ellis pr-If Lopez 2b Robert Jr. cf Sheets dh Vaughn 1b DeJong ss Colas rf b-Mendick ph	36 AB 4 1 4 4 5 5 3 1	<b>R</b> 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1	8 2 0 0 1 1 2	BI 0 0 0 0 1 0 3	3 BB 0 0 0 1 1 0 0	9 1 1 2 2 2 2 2	Avg. .288 .000 .239 .188 .246 .217
Totals  Chicago Julks If c-Ellis pr-If Lopez 2b Robert Jr. cf Sheets dh Vaughn 1b DeJong ss Colas rf b-Mendick ph Sosa 3b	36 AB 4 1 4 4 4 5 5 3 1 3	<b>R</b> 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0	8 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 0	BI 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 0 0	3 BB 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1	9 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2	Avg. .288 .000 .239 .188 .246 .217 .238
Totals  Chicago Julks If Ce-Ellis pr-If Lopez 2b Robert Jr. cf Sheets dh Vaughn 1b DeJong ss Colas rf b-Mendick ph	36 AB 4 1 4 4 5 5 3 1	R 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0	8 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 0	BI 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0	3 BB 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0	9 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	Avg. .288 .000 .239 .188 .246 .217 .238 .200

a-lined out for Valdez in 6th. b-lined out for Colas in 10th. c-ran for Julks in 7th. d-grounded out for Smith in 6th. E: McGuire, Hamilton, Slaten, Soroka. 28:

Hamilton (7), Julks (6), DeJong (11), Sosa (3). **3B:** Duran (10). **HR:** Hamilton (3), DeJong (12). **RBI:** Westbrook (2), Refsnyder (15), Cooper (5), Hamilton (8), McGuire (15), Sheets (28), DeJong 3 (27).

SB: Duran (15), Wong (3), Hamilton (13), Julks (3), Sosa (1). SF: Westbrook, McGuire. S: Lopez. Runners left in scoring position: Boston 3 (Hamilton 3), Chicago 8 (Ellis, Robert Jr., DeJong, Mendick, Sosa 2, Maldonado 2). RISP: Boston 1 for 7, Chicago 2 for 14. GIDP: Refsnyder. DP: Chicago 1

Boston	IP	н	R	ER	ВВ	50	NP	ERA
Kelly	2.0	0	0	0	2	3	32	1.80
Weissert	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	16	2.93
Slaten	2.0	- 1	3	1	0	3	33	2.84
Bernardino	1.1	4	1	1	2	2	34	1.03
Keller	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	12	5.47
Jansen W, 2-1	2.0	- 1	0	0	0	5	34	2.61
Booser S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	15	3.80
Chicago	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ERA
El .								
Flexen	5.0	2	2	2	2	3	89	5.06
Peralta H, 1	5.0 0.1	2 1	1	1	1	3 0	89 14	5.06 27.00
						0		
Peralta H, 1	0.1	1	1	1	1	0	14	27.00
Peralta H, 1 Anderson BS, 1	0.1	1	1	1	1	0	14 22	27.00 6.35
Peralta H, 1 Anderson BS, 1 Brebbia H, 7	0.1 1.2 1.0	1	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	0 2 1	14 22 16	27.00 6.35 6.08

Inherited runners: Keller 2-2, Anderson 2-1. HBP: Wong. IBB: Bernardino 2 (3). WP: Kelly. Umpires: HP-Blakney, 1B-Wolf, 2B-Barber, 3B-Porter. T: 3:22. A: 21,055

### Seattle 6, Kansas City 5 (10) Seattle 100 000 200 3 - 6 10 0

KC000	UIU	002		۷.	-	5	9 1
Seattle	AB	R	н	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Crawford ss	5	1	2	1	0	- 1	.226
Moore 3b-lf	4	1	1	0	1	2	.213
Rodriguez cf	5	1	2	1	0	2	.269
Garver c	4	0	0	0	- 1	2	.176
Raleigh dh	5	0	2	2	0	- 1	.206
Haniger rf	2	1	0	0	- 1	- 1	.217
Raley rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Locklear 1b	4	1	1	1	0	- 1	.250
Robles If	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
a-Rojas ph-3b	2	1	1	1	0	0	.270
Bliss 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.217
Totals	37	6	10	6	3	12	
Kansas City	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Garcia 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Witt Jr. ss	5	0	1	0	0	- 1	.320
Pasquantino 1b	5	0	- 1	0	0	- 1	.243
Perez dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.299
Loftin 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.283
Melendez If	4	1	- 1	2	0	- 1	.165
Fermin c	4	2	1	0	0	2	.292
Renfroe rf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.201
Isbel cf	3	0	2	1	0	0	.219
b-Blanco pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Totals	38	5	9	5	0	8	

a-was announced for Robles in 7th. b-ran for Isbel in 10th.

E: Isbel. 2B: Rodriguez (6), Locklear (1), Loftin (1). 3B: Pasquantino (2). HR: Crawford (6), Melendez (7), Renfroe (6). **RBI:** Crawford (18), Rodriguez (25), Raleigh 2 (35), Locklear (1), Rojas (12), Melendez 2 (19), Renfroe 2 (26), Isbel (19). CS: Rojas (3). S: Robles, Bliss, Isbel. Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 4 (Garver, Raleigh, Raley, Bliss), Kansas City 2 (Garcia, Perez). RISP: Seattle 3 for 10,

Kansas City	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ERA
Saucedo	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.81
Voth H, 5	0.2	2	2	1	0	0	12	3.42
Baumann BS, 2	1.0	2	2	2	0	3	21	3.24
Munoz H, 5	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	1.67
Kirby	7.0	5	1	1	0	4	96	3.81

IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA

Ragans	6.0	3	1	1	1	9 107	3.08
Klein	0.2	4	2	2	0	0 15	6.35
Zerpa	0.1	0	0	0	0	0 2	2.16
Anderson	1.0	1	0	0	0	1 14	3.70
Stratton	1.0	0	0	0	0	0 9	5.46
McArthur	0.2	2	3	2	2	1 30	5.27
Smith	0.1	0	0	0	0	1 5	5.57

Inherited runners: Saucedo 1-1, Zerpa 1-1,

Smith 2-2. Umpires: HP-Randazzo. 1B-Tosi 2B-Bellino, 3B-Cuzzi. T: 3:05. A: 20,926 (37,903). ota 11, Pittsburgh 5 (10)

Minn 300	001	000	) 7	7 –	11	1	3
Pitt 010	030	00	0	1 -	5	1	0
Minnesota	Al	3 R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Αv
Santana 1b		5 1	1	2	1	2	.21
Larnach dh		3 1	1	0	0	0	.26
a-Lewis ph-dh		2 0	1	1	0	- 1	.35
Correa ss		5 2	3	2	1	0	.26
Kepler rf		5 1	2	1	1	0	.25
Miranda 3b		4 0	1	1	- 1	0	.27
e-Farmer pr-3b	(	) 1	0	0	0	0	.17
Kirilloff If	:	3 0	0	1	0	0	.20
b-Margot ph-If	:	3 1	2	1	0	0	.22
Buxton cf		5 1	0	0	0	2	.22
Jeffers c		5 2	2	0	- 1	0	.23
Castro 2b	:	2 1	0	1	1	- 1	.25
Totals	4:	2 11	13	10	6	6	
Pittsburgh	Al	3 R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Αv
McCutchen rf		4 1	1	0	1	3	.23
Reynolds dh		4 1	1	1	- 1	- 1	.26
Joe If-1b		5 1	1	2	0	2	.26
Cruz ss		5 0	2	1	0	0	.24
Gonzales 2b		5 0	2	0	0	0	.31
Tellez 1b	:	3 1	2	0	1	0	.21
c-Taylor pr-cf		1 0	0	0	0	0	.20
Triolo 3b		5 0	1	1	0	0	.21
Suwinski cf-lf		3 0	0	0	1	2	.17
Davis c	:	2 1	0	0	1	1	.15

a-was announced for Larnach in 6th. b-was announced for Kirilloff in 7th. c-ran for Tellez in 8th. d-was announced for Davis in 8th. e-ran for Miranda in 10th. E: Joe. 2B: Santana (8), Lewis (1), Miranda (10), Jeffers (15), Reynolds (15), Tellez (6).

3B: Margot (1), Joe (1), RBI: Santana 2 (27), Lewis (4), Correa 2 (26), Kepler (22), Miranda (21), Kirilloff (20), Margot (12), Castro (17), Reynolds (35), Joe 2 (27), Cruz (25), Triolo (20), SB: Buxton (3), Taylor (5). SF: Lewis. Runners left in scoring position: Minnesota 8 (Correa, Kepler 2, Miranda, Kirilloff, Buxton, Jeffers 2), Pittsburgh 3 (Cruz. Davis. Grandal). RISP: Minnesota 5 for 20, Pittsburgh 4 for 9. **GIDP:** Reynolds, Gonzales. **DP:** Minnesota 2.

Minnesota	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ERA
Ober	4.2	7	4	4	2	5	85	5.13
Thielbar	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.17
Sands	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	19	4.61
Jax	1.0	0	0	0	- 1	2	24	2.30
Alcala	1.0	0	0	0	2	0	17	1.89
Duran W, 1-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	4.32
Staumont	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	10	0.00
Pittsburgh	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ERA
Jones	5.0	6	3	2	3	3	84	3.27
Nicolas H, 1	0.1	1	1	1	1	0	15	6.14
Bruihl BS, 1	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0.00
Stratton	1.2	0	0	0	0	1	15	4.31
Chapman	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	13	4.24
Heller L, 0-1	1.0	5	7	7	1	2	46	54.00
Inherited runn HBP: Farmer, E								
(1). WP: Jone:								

-2. ihl 1B-Fairchild, 3B-Torres. T: 3:24. A: 24,463 (38,747).

### St. Louis 5, Colorado 1 ..... 000 000 001 -

COIDI aud OUC	, ,	vv	·	VI.	_		,
St. Louis 011	20	1	002	<b>(</b> –	5	10	0 (
Colorado	AB	R	н	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Blackmon dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.25
Tovar ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.29
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.26
Diaz c	4	0	2	1	0	- 1	.30
Doyle cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.26
Cave If	3	0	0	0	0	0	.23
a-Stallings ph	- 1	0	0	0	0	- 1	.28
Toglia 1b	2	0	0	0	- 1	1	.15
Amador 2b	3	0	1	0	0	- 1	.33
Jones rf	2	0	0	0	- 1	2	.00
Totals	31	1	5	1	2	8	
St. Louis	AB	R	Н	BI		SO	Avg
Winn ss	5	0	2	2	0	2	.30
Burleson dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	.27
Goldschmidt 1b	3	0	1	0	- 1	1	.22
Arenado 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.25
Gorman 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.22
Carlson rf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.17
Donovan If	4	1	1	0	0	0	.24
Pages c	2	2	1	1	- 1	1	.09
Siani cf	3	0	1	0	0	- 1	.20

a-struck out for Cave in 9th. E: Tovar. 2B: Tovar (20), Carlson (2). HR: Burleson (9). RBI: Diaz (28), Winn 2 (23), Burleson (24), Pages (5). SB: Toglia (1), Amador (1). SF: Pages. S: Siani. Runners left in scoring position: Colorado 3 (Tovar, Toglia, Jones), St. Louis 4 (Burleson, Goldschmidt, Gorman, Donovan). RISP: Colorado 1 for 7. St. Louis 1 for 7. GIDP: Cave. DP: St. Louis 1.

Colorado	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ER
Blach L, 2-4	5.0	8	4	4	1	3	79	4.8
Hartlieb	2.0	2	1	1	- 1	2	31	4.5
Chivilli	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	8.1
St. Louis	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ER
Pallante W, 2-2	5.0	3	0	0	1	6	68	4.8
Liberatore	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.4
Fernandez	1.2	0	0	0	1	1	30	2.7
King	1.1	2	1	1	0	1	14	1.6
Inharitad runna	wee V	inc	· 1	1	ЦΒ	D+ /	^^*	lcor

WP: Hartlieb. Umpires: HP-Carapazza. 1B-Barry, 2B-Walsh, 3B-Moscoso. T: 2:15. A: 40,219 (44,383).

Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 2 Baltimore....001 101 240 - 9 13 0 Tampa Bay..000 002 000 - 2 6 0 AB R H BI BB SO Avg. 4 3 2 0 1 1 267

Rutschman c	5	1	3	6	0	0	.306
Mountcastle dh	4	0	0	1	1	0	.276
O'Hearn 1b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.276
Santander rf	5	1	1	1	0	1	.227
Westburg 2b	5	2	3	0	0	1	.285
Cowser If	5	0	2	1	0	1	.233
Urias 3b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.238
Mullins cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.178
Totals	40	9	13	9	3	4	
Tampa Bay	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Diaz 1b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.250
Lowe 2b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.211
Arozarena If	4	0	2	1	0	1	.179
Lowe dh	3	0	0	0	- 1	2	.213
DeLuca cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.169
Palacios rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.250
a-Rosario ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.296
Walls ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.200
	4	0	1	0	0	1	.243
Rortvedt c Caballero 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.255

Totals 33 2 6 a-struck out for Palacios in 7th 2B: Henderson (10), Westburg (12), Rortvedt (5). **3B:** Westburg (5), Cowser (1), Mullins (2). **HR:** Rutschman (13), Santander (14). **RBI:** Rutschman 6 (49), Mountcastle (32), Santander (37), Cowser (27), Lowe (15), Arozarena (20). SB: Mullins (13). Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 3 (Mountcastle, Santander, Urias), Tampa Bay 5 (Lowe, DeLuca 2, Caballero 2). **RISP:** Baltimore 5

for 13, Tampa Bay 2 for 5.										
Baltimore	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO NP	ERA			
Rodriguez W, 7-2	5.2	2	2	2	1	6107	3.27			
Γate Ĥ, 1	0.1	1	0	0	- 1	1 16	2.66			
Perez H, 6	1.0	0	0	0	0	1 13	3.78			
Akin	2.0	3	0	0	- 1	3 36	3.73			
Гатра Вау	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO NP	ERA			
Littell L, 2-4	6.0	7	3	3	1	3100	3.63			
Cleavinger	1.0	3	2	2	0	0 16	2.03			
Maton	1.0	2	4	4	2	0 30	6.56			
Fairbanks	1.0	1	0	0	0	1 18	3.15			
Inherited runn										
HP-O'Nora,	1B-(	cor	ro	у,		2B-M	IIIIer,			
3B-Thomas. T: 2	2:54.	A:	20	),38	36	(25,02)	5).			

Washington 8, Atlanta 5 ... 020 000 003 - 5

Washington .000 710 00x - 8 7

	-		-			_	•
Atlanta	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Av
Albies 2b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.26
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	1	0	.23
Ozuna dh	5	0	0	0	0	2	.31
Olson 1b	4	0	1	0	1	3	.23
Duvall rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.18
d'Arnaud c	4	1	1	0	0	0	.24
Harris II cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.24
Arcia ss	2	1	1	0	2	1	.23
Kelenic If	4	1	2	3	0	1	.26
Totals	35	5	8	4	5	8	
Washington	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Av
Abrams ss	5	0	1	3	0	0	.24
Thomas rf	4	1	1	0	- 1	2	.21
Winker If	1	2	0	0	3	0	.26
Rosario dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.19
Garcia Jr. 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.27
Ruiz c	3	1	1	4	0	0	.20
	2	1	0	0	2	1	.23
Senzel 3b							
Senzel 3b Gallo 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.16
		1	1 0	0	1 1	1	.26

Ruiz (4). RBI: Harris II (20), Kelenic 3 (15), Abrams 3 (31), Garcia Jr. (27), Ruiz 4 (17).
CS: Thomas (3). SB: Abrams (10). SF: Ruiz.
Runners left in scoring position: Atlanta 4
(Albies 2, Duvall 2). Washington 3
(Thomas, Young 2). RISP: Atlanta 3 for 7,
Washington 4 for 8. GIDP: Young. DP: Atlanta 1.

tlanta	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ER/
/aldrep L, 0-1	3.2	4	7	7	4	1	62	17.18
ummer	0.2	3	1	1	- 1	- 1	17	3.68
havez	1.2	0	0	0	2	3	36	1.37
menez	1.0	0	0	0	- 1	1	14	2.52
lesias	1.0	0	0	0	0	- 1	8	2.22
/ashington	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ER/
erz	4.1	4	2	2	3	5	87	6.48
arnes W, 3-2	1.0	0	0	0	- 1	1	19	4.35
arcia	1.2	- 1	0	0	0	0	15	4.22
loro	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	1.11
leems	0.0	3	3	3	- 1	0	16	7.13
innegan S, 18	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	1.73
Veems pitched	ers:	Bui	mn	ner	3-	0,	Ch	avez
-2, Barnes 2-2	, Fin	neg	gar	า 1-	1. V	VP:	He	rz 2
l	ID F	1 - 4.	- I			- 1	D F	· I -

34,282 (41,380). Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 2 ....310 000 000 - 4 11

2B-Hanahan,

3B-Visconti. T: 2:38. A:

Chicago	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	S0	Avg
Tauchman rf	4	1	1	1	1	0	.26
Suzuki dh	5	1	3	0	0	2	.272
Bellinger 1b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.260
Morel 3b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.203
Happ If	3	0	1	3	2	1	.222
Swanson ss	4	0	2	0	1	1	.226
Busch 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.242
Bote 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.23
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.205
Amaya c	3	1	1	0	0	0	.198
Totals	36	4	11	4	6	9	
				•	١	_	
Cincinnati	AB	R	Н	BI	ВВ		Avg
Fairchild rf-lf	3	0	<b>H</b> 0	<b>BI</b> 0	<b>BB</b> 0	<b>SO</b> 2	.232
			Н	BI	ВВ	SO	
Fairchild rf-lf a-Benson ph-lf De La Cruz ss	3 1 3	0	<b>H</b> 0 0	<b>BI</b> 0 0 0	<b>BB</b> 0 0	<b>SO</b> 2 1 0	.232
Fairchild rf-lf a-Benson ph-lf	3	0	<b>H</b> 0 0	<b>BI</b> 0 0	<b>BB</b> 0 0	<b>SO</b> 2	.232
Fairchild rf-lf a-Benson ph-lf De La Cruz ss Candelario 1b Steer dh	3 1 3 4 3	0 0 0 0	<b>H</b> 0 0 0 0 1	<b>BI</b> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0	\$0 2 1 0 1	.232 .212 .235 .234 .239
Fairchild rf-lf a-Benson ph-lf De La Cruz ss Candelario 1b Steer dh India 2b	3 1 3 4 3 4	0 0 0 0 0 1	<b>H</b> 0 0 0 0 1 1	<b>BI</b> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	BB 0 0 1 0 1 0	\$0 2 1 0 1 1 2	.232 .212 .235 .234 .239 .243
Fairchild rf-lf a-Benson ph-lf De La Cruz ss Candelario 1b Steer dh India 2b Espinal 3b	3 1 3 4 3 4 4	0 0 0 0 1 0	<b>H</b> 0 0 0 1 1 2	<b>BI</b> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	BB 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0	\$0 2 1 0 1 1 2 0	.232 .212 .235 .234 .239 .243
Fairchild rf-lf a-Benson ph-lf De La Cruz ss Candelario 1b Steer dh India 2b Espinal 3b Friedl cf	3 1 3 4 3 4 4 3	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	H 0 0 0 0 1 1 2	BI 0 0 0 0 0 0	BB 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0	\$0 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 2	.232 .212 .235 .234 .239 .243 .202
Fairchild rf-If a-Benson ph-If De La Cruz ss Candelario 1b Steer dh India 2b Espinal 3b Friedl cf Maile c	3 1 3 4 3 4 4 3 2	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	H 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 0	BI 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	BB 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0	\$0 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 2	.232 .212 .235 .234 .239 .243 .202 .220
Fairchild rf-If a-Benson ph-If De La Cruz ss Candelario 1b Steer dh India 2b Espinal 3b Friedl cf Maile c b-Fraley ph-rf	3 1 3 4 3 4 4 3 2 1	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	H 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 0	BI 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	BB 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	\$0 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 2 1	.232 .212 .235 .234 .239 .243 .202 .220 .189
Fairchild rf-If a-Benson ph-If De La Cruz ss Candelario 1b Steer dh India 2b Espinal 3b Friedl cf Maile c b-Fraley ph-rf Dunn If	3 1 3 4 3 4 4 3 2 1 2	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0	H 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 0	BI 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0	BB 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	\$0 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 2 1 1 0	.232 .212 .235 .234 .239 .243 .202 .220 .189 .288
Fairchild rf-If a-Benson ph-If De La Cruz ss Candelario 1b Steer dh India 2b Espinal 3b Friedl cf Maile c b-Fraley ph-rf	3 1 3 4 3 4 4 3 2 1	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	H 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 1 0	BI 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	BB 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	\$0 2 1 0 1 1 2 0 2 1	.232 .212 .235 .234 .239 .243 .202 .220 .189

2B: Suzuki (8), Happ (14), Swanson (9), Amaya (4). HR: Maile (2). RBI: Tauchman (19), Happ 3 (30), Espinal (18), Maile (6). SB: Happ 2 (5). Runners left in scoring

out for Maile in 7th.

**position:** Chicago 8 (Tauchman, Happ 2, Busch, Bote 2, Crow-Armstrong, Amaya), Cincinnati 1 (Fraley). **RISP:** Chicago 2 for 15, Cincinnati 1 for 3. **GIDP:** Morel,

IP	н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ER
6.2	5	2	2	1	7	94	1.9
1.1	0	0	0	1	2	18	3.2
1.0	0	0	0	0	2	13	2.6
IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ER
1.1	5	4	4	3	2	55	4.5
5.2	4	0	0	- 1	7	90	2.3
1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3.8
1.0	2	0	0	2	0	16	2.5
ors. I	aite	ar	lr 1	1-1	Sni	iorc	2-1
DD. F	alli	IIE	١ ۷	(4)		ıııı	II e:
	6.2 1.1 1.0 IP 1.1 5.2 1.0 1.0	6.2 5 1.1 0 1.0 0 IP H 1.1 5 5.2 4 1.0 0 1.0 2 ers: Leite	6.2 5 2 1.1 0 0 1.0 0 0 IP H R 1.1 5 4 5.2 4 0 1.0 0 0 1.0 2 0 ers: Leiter	6.2 5 2 2 1.1 0 0 0 1.0 0 0 0 IP H RER 1.1 5 4 4 5.2 4 0 0 1.0 0 0 0 1.0 2 0 0 ers: Leiter Jr. 1	6.2 5 2 2 1 1.1 0 0 0 1 1.0 0 0 0  IP H RER BB 1.1 5 4 4 3 5.2 4 0 0 1 1.0 0 0 0 0 1.0 2 0 0 2  ers: Leiter Jr. 1-1,	6.2 5 2 2 1 7 11 0 0 0 1 2 1.0 0 0 0 2 1P H R ER BB 50 11 5 4 4 3 2 52 4 0 0 1 7 1.0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ers: Leiter Jr. 1-1, Sp	6.2 5 2 2 1 7 94 1.1 0 0 0 1 2 18 1.0 0 0 0 0 2 13  IP H RER BB SO NP 1.1 5 4 4 3 2 55 5.2 4 0 0 1 7 90 1.0 0 0 0 0 0 11

3B-De Jesus. T: 2:49. A: 32,737 (45,814). Cleveland 6, Miami 3 Cleveland .... 010 001 301 - 6 10 Miami.. ...... 000 110 001 - 3 5 2 AB R H BI BB SO Avg.

Kwan If	3	1	1	0	2	0	.370
Freeman cf	4	2	2	3	0	2	.222
Ramirez 3b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.275
Naylor 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.220
Fry c	4	0	1	1	0	1	.333
Hedges c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.130
Gimenez 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.263
Arias dh	3	1	1	1	0	1	.215
c-Manzardo ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	.230
Schneemann rf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.385
Brennan rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Rocchio ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.214
Rocchio ss Totals	4 35	1 6	1 10	0 <b>6</b>	0 4	0 <b>10</b>	.214
Totals Miami							.214 Avg.
Totals Miami Chisholm Jr. cf	35 AB 4	<b>R</b> 1	10 H	<b>BI</b>	<b>BB</b> 0	10	Avg.
Totals Miami	35 AB	6 R	10 H	6 BI	4 BB	10 S0	Avg.
Totals  Miami Chisholm Jr. cf De La Cruz rf Bell 1b	35 AB 4	<b>R</b> 1	10 H	8I 1 0 0	<b>BB</b> 0	<b>50</b>	Avg.
Totals  Miami Chisholm Jr. cf De La Cruz rf	35 AB 4 4	<b>R</b> 1 0	10 H 1	<b>BI</b> 1 0	<b>BB</b> 0 0	<b>SO</b> 2 0	Avg. .249 .248
Totals  Miami Chisholm Jr. cf De La Cruz rf Bell 1b	35 AB 4 4 4	<b>R</b> 1 0 0	10 H 1 1 0	8I 1 0 0	<b>BB</b> 0 0 0	<b>SO</b> 2 0 0	Avg. .249 .248
Totals  Miami Chisholm Jr. cf De La Cruz rf Bell 1b Burger 3b Sanchez dh Edwards ss	35 AB 4 4 4 4 4 4 3	6 R 1 0 0 1 0	10 H 1 1 0 1 0 1	8I 1 0 0 1 0 0	4 BB 0 0 0 0 0	10 2 0 0 2	Avg. .249 .248 .252 .224 .239
Totals  Miami Chisholm Jr. cf De La Cruz rf Bell 1b Burger 3b Sanchez dh	35 AB 4 4 4 4 4 4 3 2	8 1 0 0 1 0	10 H 1 1 0 1 0	8I 1 0 0 1 0	8B 0 0 0 0	10 2 0 0 2	Avg. .249 .248 .252 .224
Totals  Miami Chisholm Jr. cf De La Cruz rf Bell 1b Burger 3b Sanchez dh Edwards ss	35 AB 4 4 4 4 4 4 3	6 R 1 0 0 1 0	10 H 1 1 0 1 0 1	8I 1 0 0 1 0 0	4 BB 0 0 0 0 0	10 2 0 0 2 1 1	Avg. .249 .248 .252 .224 .239

Fortes c b-Gray ph a-struck out for Gordon in 7th. b-struck

in 8th.

E: Freeman, Burger, Fortes. 2B: Ramirez (14), Manzardo (10), De La Cruz (11), Edwards (1). HR: Freeman (6), Arias (2), Chisholm Jr. (9), Burger (5), RBI: Freeman (9), Alas (2), Chisholm Jr. (9), Burger (5), RBI: Freeman (92), Ramirez (62), Fry (29), Arias (11), Chisholm Jr. (31), Burger (22), Gordon (22), SB: Ramirez (10), Runners left in scoring position: Cleveland 3 (Naylor, Arian Marcan), Missing (Chishold Marcan) Arias, Brennan), Miami 2 (Chisholm Jr. Sanchez). **RISP:** Cleveland 3 for 8, Miami 1 for 7. **GIDP:** Ramirez, Fry. **DP:** Miami 2.

Cleveland	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ER/
Carrasco	4.2	4	2	2	0	3	55	5.50
Herrin	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	5	1.05
Sandlin W, 5-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2.63
Hentges H, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	3.00
Gaddis H, 14	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	1.72
Clase	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	15	0.57
Miami	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ER/
Rogers	5.0	2	1	1	4	5	88	5.37
Nardi BS, 5	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	15	5.18
Puk L, 0-7	0.1	3	3	3	0	0	12	7.30
Bender	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	7	5.04
Smith	2.0	3	1	1	0	2	47	3.81
Inherited ru	nners:		He	rrir	1	1-1		HBP:
Freeman.	WP:	9	Sm	ith		ι	Jm	oires
<b>HP-Tomlinson</b>	. 1B-\	Νo	lco	ott.	2	B-\	/an	over
3B-Segal. T: 2	.27. A:	12	,85	50	(37,	44	6).	
Texa	s 7, Sai	n F	rai	ncis	co	2		

...001 100 000 - 2 ...... 320 020 00x - 7 9 0 Texas... San Francis Ramos cf AB R H BI BB SO 4 0 0 0 0 1 Bailey c Flores dh Conforto If Estrada 2b Yastrzemski rf .220 .255 .246 .214 .298 .243 .167 Wisely ss Schmitt 3b Brooks 1b .261 .287 .217 .264 .278 .234 .246 .242 .223 Lowe 1b Duran 3b

Taveras cf Totals **2B:** Lowe (6). **3B:** Langford (3). **HR:** Yastrzemski (7), Semien (11). **RBI:** Bailey (21), Yastrzemski (25), Semien 2 (37), Duran 2 (11), Langford 2 (17). **SB:** Semien (2), Garcia (5), Langford (2), Jankowski (5). Runners left in scoring position: San Francisco 2 (Flores, Yastrzemski), Texas 2 (Heim 2). RISP: San Francisco 1 for 4, Texas 4 for 9. GIDP: Garcia, Jankowski. DP: San

Francisco 2.								
San Francisco	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Winn L, 3-7	4.1	6	7	7	2	7	69	6.94
Rodriguez	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	22	3.10
Rogers	1.0	1	0	0	- 1	0	13	2.52
Jackson	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	8	6.00
-	ID.		_	ER	DD	SO	MD	ERA
Texas	IP	Н	R	EK	DD	30	MP	EKA
Eovaldi W, 3-2	7.0	<u>н</u> 5	2 2	2	1		90	2.68
						5		
Eovaldi W, 3-2	7.0	5	2	2	1	5	90	2.68

2B-Jimenez, 3l 34,912 (40,518). Detroit 10, Milwaukee 2 ukee...000 000 101 - 2 7 0

Semien. **Umpires:** HP-May, 1B-Bucknor, 2B-Jimenez, 3B-Iassogna. T: 2:16. A:

Detroit 200	080	(	)0x	-	10	12	2 0
Milwaukee	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Ortiz 3b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.284
Hoskins dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	.235
b-Bauers ph-p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.206
Yelich If	2	0	0	0	0	1	.324
a-Frelick ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.256
Adames ss	1	0	1	0	1	0	.243
c-Dunn ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Sanchez c	3	1	1	0	- 1	1	.216
Perkins cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.255
Chourio rf-lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.217
Monasterio 1b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.147
Turang 2b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.306
Totals	33	2	7	2	2	11	
Detroit	AB	R	Н	BI	ВВ	SO	Avg.
Perez rf	5	2	2	0	0	1	.252
Vierling cf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.276
Canha 1b	3	2	0	0	0	0	.233
Greene If	4	1	2	1	1	0	.243
Urshela 3b	5	1	2	2	0	0	.268
	2	1	1	1	1	0	.188
Malloy dh							.198
Malloy dh McKinstry ss	4	1	1	2	0	1	.190
McKinstry ss Ibanez 2b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.262
McKinstry ss	4						

in 6th. b-flied out for Hoskins in 8th. c-was hit by a pitch for Adames in 6th. 2B: Monasterio (1), Vierling (9), Greene 2 (14). 3B: Turang (1). HR: Rogers (5). RBI: Monasterio (4), Turang (24), Greene (25), Urshela 2 (16), Mallov (2), McKinstry 2 (8), Hanez (14), Rogers 3 (11). SF: Malloy.

Runners left in scoring position:

Milwaukee 4 (Ortiz, Chourio, Monasterio, Turang), Detroit 4 (Canha, Malloy, McKinstry 2). **RISP:** Milwaukee 1 for 7, Detroit 5 for 11. GIDP: Frelick, McKinstry IP H R ER BB SO NP

Milwaukee	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wilson L, 3-3	4.1	6	7	7	2	4	89	4.19
Milner	0.0	3	3	3	0	0	13	3.73
Hernandez	1.2	3	0	0	0	0	27	7.15
Herget	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2.08
Bauers	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	18	0.00
Detroit	IP	н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ERA
Skubal W, 8-1	6.2	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>BB</b>		<b>NP</b> 95	1.92
Skubal W, 8-1	6.2	5	1	1	2	10	95	1.92
Skubal W, 8-1 Vest	6.2 0.1	5	1	1	2	10	95 2	1.92

Inherited runners: Milner 3-0, Vest 1-1. HBP: Dunn, Canha 2. Umpires: HP-Vondrak, 1B-Merzel, 2B-Dreckman, 3B-Rehak. T: 2:26. A: 24,077 (41,083).

N.Y. Mets	6, F	Phil	ade	lph	ia 5	,	
NYM000	00	)3	00	03 -	- (	6	7 0
Phila100	20	0	10	1 –	5	10	0 0
N.Y. Mets	AB	R	Н	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Lindor ss	5	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Alonso 1b	3	1	0	1	1	1	.240
Nimmo If	5	1	1	1	0	3	.221
Martinez dh	5	0	1	2	0	2	.271
Stewart rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.183
a-Bader ph-cf	1	0	0	0	- 1	0	.266
Taylor cf-rf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.230
McNeil 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.232
Baty 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.229
b-Vientos ph-3b	1	0	1	1	- 1	0	.324
e-Iglesias pr-3b	0	1	0	0	0	0	.409
Torrens c	3	1	1	0	- 1	0	.313
Totals	34	6	7	5	5	10	
Philadelphia	AB	R	Н	BI		SO	Avg.
Schwarber dh	4	1	2	0	1	1	.235
Realmuto c	3	0	0	0	- 1	1	.261
c-Stubbs pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.173
Harper 1b	3	0	1	0	2	2	.277
Bohm 3b	3	0	1	1	2	0	.291
Castellanos rf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.215
Sosa ss	3	1	1	1	0	0	.294
Merrifield If	4	0	1	1	0	1	.177
Wilson 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
d-Stott ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Rojas cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.237
f-Dahl ph	1	1	1	1	0	0	.667
Pache cf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.217
Totals	33	5	10	4	6	6	

a-walked for Stewart in 6th. b-walked for Baty in 7th. c-ran for Realmuto in 9th. d-grounded out for W.Wilson in 8th. e-ran for Vientos in 9th. f-homered for Rojas in 7th.

7th.

2B: Nimmo (11), Sosa (6). HR: Dahl (2). RBI:
Alonso (32), Nimmo (32), Martinez 2 (18),
Vientos (13), Bohm (51), Sosa (18),
Merrifield (8), Dahl (2). Runners left in
scoring position: N.Y. Mets 4 (Alonso,
Martinez 2, Taylor), Philadelphia 6
(Realmuto 2, Castellanos 4). RISP: N.Y.
Mets 3 for 10, Philadelphia 2 for 7. GIDP:
Bohm, Castellanos, Merrifield. DP: N.Y.
Mets 3. Mets 3

N.Y. Mets	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ERA
Quintana	3.2	6	3	3	2	1	69	5.29
oung/	0.2	0	0	0	1	2	14	1.13
Nunez	1.2	2	1	1	0	0	27	2.70
Diekman	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	16	3.80
Garrett W, 6-2	1.2	1	1	1	- 1	2	27	3.31
Smith S, 2	0.2	1	0	0	- 1	0	10	2.38
Philadelphia	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	NP	ERA
<b>Philadelphia</b> Valker	<b>IP</b> 5.2	<b>H</b> 2	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b> 2	<b>BB</b>		<b>NP</b> 79	<b>ERA</b> 5.40
					<b>BB</b> 1			
Valker	5.2	2	2	2	1	6	79	5.40
Valker Soto BS, 1	5.2 0.0	2	2	2	1	6	79 12	5.40 5.40
Valker Soto BS, 1 Strahm	5.2 0.0 1.0 1.1	2 2 1	2 1 0	2 1 0	1 1 1	6 0 1	79 12 29	5.40 5.40 0.69

Soto pitched to 3 batters in the 6th. Nunez pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. Inherited runners: Young 2-2, Garrett 1-1, Smith 2-1, Soto 2-0, Strahm 2-2, Hoffman 2-2, Ruiz 2-2. **HBP:** Alonso, Realmuto, Sosa. **Umpires:** HP-Scheurwater, 1B-Baker, 2B-Carlson, 3B-Blaser. T: 3:27. A: 55,074 (55,000).

### **GOLF**

**LPGA TOUR** 

# Strom records 6th 60 in LPGA history

Beth Ann Nichols

Golfweek | USA TODAY NETWORK

More than four hours after Linnea Strom put a bow on the sixth 60 in LPGA history, she was holding a bottle of champagne.

Strom began Sunday at the ShopRite LPGA Classic in a share of 52nd – tied for last – and vaulted to the top of the board after a spectacular 11-under performance at Seaview Country Club's Bay Course in Galloway, New Jersey.

With a daunting clubhouse lead of 14 under, Strom enjoyed a leisurely lunch of chicken and tortellini pasta while the rest of the field grinded to catch her.

No one ever did.

Strom's victory is the largest comefrom-behind win by position since Ayako Okamoto won the 1987 Lady Keystone Open, another 54-hole event, after the starting the day in a share of 23rd. After losing her card following the 2021 season, Strom went back to the Epson Tour where she won once and earned 2022 Player of the Year honors. She returned to the LPGA a more confident player.

"I mean, honestly, really did not expect this waking up today," said Strom, who won in her 99th start on the LPGA. "This is proof that you should never give up."

American Megan Khang was briefly tied with Strom down the stretch at the ShopRite but fell one back after a bogey on No. 16. On the par-5 18th, Khang hit her second shot long and completely misjudged her third, a chip shot from just over the green, that rolled off the other side.

"It wasn't terrible being at the back of the green, but just didn't execute my chip the way I wanted to," said Kang, whose birdie attempt just missed.

Kang shot 66 and finished one back at 13 under with Japan's Ayaka Furue (65).

Strom, who made a 12-footer for birdie on Saturday to make the cut on the number, took only 20 putts in a closing round that included birdies on



Linnea Strom celebrates with the trophy after winning the ShopRite LPGA Classic on Sunday.

DREW HALLOWELL/GETTY IMAGES

four of the last five holes. The 27-year-old Swede got a boost mid-round when she chipped in for eagle on the par-5 ninth. Strom said she had no idea she was so close to a 59, and she also never once thought about winning the tournament during the round.

The Bay Course is the shortest setup on the LPGA, with Sunday's final round playing at 5,990 yards. Thailand's Arpichaya Yubol opened with a 61 at the ShopRite but followed it with a 75 on Day 2.

Annika Sorenstam remains the only player in LPGA history to shoot 59.

Strom's 60 sets the LPGA record for lowest final round by an eventual winner. The previous record was a final-round 61 posted by Inbee Park at the 2014 Manulife Financial LPGA Classic.

"I worked very hard for this," said Strom. "Just surreal that it's finally happening."

Strom becomes the sixth player to shoot 60 on the LPGA and the first since Jessica Korda in 2021 at the season-opening Tournament of Champions.

**LIV GOLF** 



Carlos Ortiz of Torque Golf Club hits a tee shot at the first hole during the final round of LIV Golf Houston. ERIK WILLIAMS/USA TODAY SPORTS

# Ortiz wins LIV Golf Houston by 1 shot

**Cameron Jourdan** 

Golfweek | USA TODAY NETWORK

Carlos Ortiz is a fan of the city of Houston. Ortiz picked up the first LIV Golf win of his career Sunday, shooting 5-under 67 to finish at 15 under and capture 2024 LIV Golf Houston by one shot over Adrian Meronk.

Ortiz and Meronk started the day tied for the lead, and they remained tied with only four holes to go at Golf Club of Houston. However, on the par-5 15th, Ortiz made birdie while Meronk made bogey, and the two-shot swing

was enough to give Ortiz his first win since the Asian Tour's International Series Oman in February.

It's Ortiz's second professional win

in the city of Houston, also capturing the PGA Tour's 2020 Vivint Houston Open. That is his lone Tour victory.

Cleeks GC took home the team title, its first, at 33 under. Smash GC and Fireballs GC tied for second at 31 under.

The next LIV Golf event is slated for two weeks in Nashville at The Grove. Next week, Meronk will be among the 12 LIV Golf players headed to Pinehurst No. 2 to compete in the 2024 U.S. Open.

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

# Els beats Stricker in playoff to win in Madison

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Ernie Els of South Africa beat tournament host Steve Stricker on the first playoff hole to capture the American Family Insurance Championship on Sunday in Madison, Wis., Els' second win in as many weeks.

Both Els and Stricker shot 3-under 69 for their final round at University Ridge Golf Course, but Els had to close a late deficit by birdieing Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 16 to catch up to Stricker.

At the first playoff hole, a replay of the par-418th, Stricker had a 21/2-foot putt for par to tie the hole. But the putt lipped out, uncharacteristically so for one of the best putters on tour.

Els told reporters he said "I'm sorry" to Stricker when they hugged after the playoff.

"I really feel for Steve missing that short putt, but I've done that, a lot of people have done that," Els said. "He had a great week, he's a great guy and runs a great tournament."

Els, 54, also won the Principal Charity Classic last week in Des Moines, Iowa. The former World No. 1 now has five career titles on the PGA Tour Champions.

"You've got to keep going, you've got to believe that things are going to come around," Els said. "I've had a great career. Never thought I'd be in the Hall of Fame, all that stuff, but all that stuff came my way. But I still – when I compete, I want to compete at the highest level. And I'm quite hard on myself, so I just thought of making putts, just a couple more putts and driving it better. That's really the difference between me finishing first here or finishing fifth or 10th."

Stricker, 57, who dominated the tour with six victories in 2023, has yet to win in 2024. He also missed a short putt at his final hole of regulation to win outright.

"He feels bad winning like that and I



Ernie Els holds the winner's trophy after winning the American Family Insurance Championship on the first playoff hole on Sunday.

STACY REVERE/GETTY IMAGES

feel bad giving it to him like that, but he played well," Stricker said. "He strung together I think three birdies on that back side when he had to and he kind of answered the call when he had to because I had a three- or four-shot lead and kind of just let it slip away."

He called Els a "great guy" he's been glad to get to know over the years. As host, Stricker was also grateful for the money his tournament raised for charity.

Cameron Percy of Australia finished in third at 9 under following a 67. Doug Barron (66), Canada's Stephen Ames (67) and Denmark's Thomas Bjorn (69) tied for fourth at 8 under.

### Golf

Continued from Page 1NS

June in the same season? None other than Tiger Woods, another of the faces on the Mount Rushmore of golf, who won the first of five Memorial titles 25 years ago.

Ahead of the PGA Championship last month, Woods was asked to describe the tremendous run by Scheffler to become the dominant world No. 1 this season. "If he putts awful, then he finishes in the top 10. If he putts decent, he wins. He putts great, he runs away. He's just that good a ball-striker and that good an all-around player."

After entering the final round with a four-stroke edge, Scheffler was nursing a one-streak lead before he canned a 16-foot par putt at 16 to stretch his lead to two and despite a rocky finish, he held off Collin Morikawa, who closed in 71, his fifth top-5 finish this season. Scheffler finished with a 72-hole aggregate of 8-under 280, his third Signature event this season and fifth win in his last eight starts, making him the first to win five times in a season since Justin Thomas seven years ago and the first to win five times before the U.S. Open since Tom Watson in 1980.

Scheffler opened with rounds of 67-68 to claim the 36-hole lead and managed to extend it by a stroke despite a triple-bogey on Saturday and three-putt bogey at 18.

He signed for 71.

Conditions during the final round remained tough on a sun-drenched day that turned greens brick hard. With a scoring average of nearly 75, it felt a little too much like the U.S. Open had come one week early.

"Muirfield Village is growling at the players today," said CBS's Trevor Immelman.

Scheffler made two bogeys on the front nine and just one birdie – at No. 6 – as Adam Hadwin made an early move before stumbling late and finishing alone in third (74).

"I had put a Band-Aid on the round for a long time," said Hadwin "and the Band-Aid came off and it was carnage." As a consolation prize, Hadwin did earn the one spot available into the British Open at Royal Troon in July to the top finisher not already qualified,

Morikawa (71) remained hot on Scheffler's heels, especially after he drilled a 32-foot birdie putt at the par-3 12th, his longest putt he had made since the first round of the PGA Championship, a span of 202 holes, to get within one

Scheffler failed to answer at 12 from closer range, made a nervy short-range birdie stab at 13 and watched in disbelief as his ball spun out on 15. Although he stepped up with the clutch par save at 16, Scheffler left the door open for Morikawa to catch him by missing an 8-foot par putt at 17 to cut his lead in half.

But Scheffler made an up-and-down from over the green at 18, pumping his right fist with gusto when his 5-foot putt for the win dropped. Morikawa, who also played in the final group with Scheffler at the Masters in April, had seen this movie before.

Asked what about Scheffler's game impresses him, Morikawa said, "Everything. The guy could be off balance and the ball's right down the middle of the fairway. Look, his ball striking is incredible. Growing up, his short game and putting was always amazing, but how good he hits his irons and the control he has is amazing. Distance control is key and it's king and he's got that."

Scheffler's topped the field in Strokes Gained: Tee-to-Green and Approach-the-Green and his putter was just good enough: he ranked 42nd in Strokes Gained: putting in the final round and 22nd for the week in the 73-man field, lending credibility to Tiger's assessment of his game. In the end, Scheffler got the traditional winner's handshake from the legendary Nicklaus that he had said before the tournament that he so desired.

"It would mean a lot to me to be able to shake his hand and win this golf tournament with all the history here and what Mr. Nicklaus has meant to the game."

That wasn't the only greeting Scheffler received behind the 18th green. Wife Meredith and baby Bennett were there to congratulate him on daddy's first win as a parent.

### **AUTO RACING**

**INDYCAR** 

# Power a two-time winner at Road America

**Dave Kallmann** 

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel **USA TODAY NETWORK** 

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. – The wait was worth it for Will Power. Looking for his first NTT IndyCar Series victory in a full two years, Power made his final pit stop later than his two Team Penske Chevrolet mates, came out in front and held on to win the XPEL Grand Prix at Road America. He led the final nine laps and finished 3.2609 seconds ahead of teammate Josef Newgarden.

"I felt good about today, had a very fast car," Power said in his NBC television interview. "Great strategy.

"Massively special. Massively special. We worked so hard to try to get wins, and I worked really hard in the offseason. The whole season last season was very stressful (with wife Liz ill). Had half a mind at home and half at the track....

"That was very, very well deserved for the whole team."

The 43-year-old Australian is the 2014 and 2022 champion and the winner of the IndyCar Series' first race at 4.014-mile Road America in 2016. With his 42nd victory, Power moved into a tie with Michael Andretti for fourth on the all-time win list.

Despite Power's previous success at the track, the fresher and more vivid memories were of a horrible 2023 race weekend, when he got caught in a freak crash in practice, later went off track and wasn't competitive.

Power had won a race in 16 straight seasons before being shut out last year. The victory ended a 34-race drought since the 2022 Detroit street-course race. The race came down to strategy. He made the last of his pit stops on after 44 of the 55 laps, and came out ahead of Josef Newgarden, who'd stopped one lap earlier, and Scott McLaughlin, who had stopped a lap before Newgarden.

Team Penske did sweep the podium with Newgarden - a two-time Road America winner – second, 3.2609 sec-



Will Power celebrates after winning the XPEL Grand Prix at Road America. MARK HOFFMAN/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

onds behind, and McLaughlin third. It was the team's first 1-2-3 since 2017.

Power moved into the points lead, five points ahead of Alex Palou, who finished fourth. Scott Dixon, who came in as the points leader, finished 21st and dropped to third, 11 points out of the lead.

IndyCar will return to Road America in 2025 and for an unspecified number of years after, the track and series announced Sunday morning.

**FORMULA ONE** 

# Verstappen picks up another win in Canada

Steve Keating **REUTERS** 

MONTREAL - Red Bull's triple world champion Max Verstappen completed a Canadian Grand Prix hat-trick of victories on a wet, wild and tricky Sunday at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.

Verstappen, who started on the front row alongside Mercedes pole sitter George Russell, stayed clear of trouble on a day of constantly changing conditions, snatching the lead from McLaren's Lando Norris on the final pit stops. The Dutchman then grimly hung on to claim his sixth victory from nine races this season and the 60th of his Formula One career.

It was another brilliant drive from the 26-year-old who dealt with a track switching back-and-forth from wet to dry, pit stop battles and challenges from McLaren and Mercedes while wrestling with his Red Bull's suspen-

After Ferrari's Carlos Sainz and Williams's Alex Albon came together, bringing out the safety car for a second time, Verstappen pulled away on the restart and finished 3.879 seconds ahead of Norris, while Russell won a nail-biting last-laps duel with team mate Lewis Hamilton to complete the podium.

"Not easy but we did it," said Verstappen over the team radio. "We had to be on top of our calls and I think, as a team, it went really well today.

"I think we pitted at the right time and of course the safety car worked out nicely for us but even after that I think we were managing the gaps quite well.

"I love it, that was a lot of fun. Those kind of races you need them once in a while.'

The win will certainly provide a confidence boost at Red Bull which has recently seen challenges to the team's once unquestioned dominance.

In the three races before Canada, Red Bull had managed one win as the battle for the drivers' and constructors' titles tightened. But the team returns to



Max Verstappen celebrates with the trophy on the podium after winning the Canadian Grand Prix at Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in Montreal on Sunday. GEOFF ROBINS/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Europe back in control of both, with Verstappen opening up a 56-point advantage over Ferrari's Charles Leclerc at the top of the drivers' standings while Red Bull moved 49 clear of Ferrari for the constructors' crown.

Both Ferraris failed to finish on Sunday, with Sainz losing control of his car on the wet track and hitting the barrier while Leclerc retired after struggling with an engine issue.

"I knew I had to score big so the other teams don't catch up a lot," said Verstappen, who accounted for all the Red Bull points after Mexican team mate Sergio Perez retired.

"I do think at the end of the day as long as you keep winning, you score 25 points, even if the others finish P2, P3, you don't really lose too much and can kind of afford these one-offs."

Mercedes head to Barcelona for the next grand prix on June 23 with growing confidence following a stellar qualifying effort that translated into third and fourth-place results.



Kyle Larson takes the checkered flag to win the NASCAR Cup Series Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma Raceway. MEG OLIPHANT/GETTY IMAGES

### **NASCAR**

Continued from Page 1NS

career by passing Martin Truex Jr. with nine laps to go after the Joe Gibbs Racing driver had just taken the lead from Chris Buescher. Truex had recovered from a Lap 8 spin at the beginning of the series' 16th race. In a full green-flag run after Stage 2 ended on Lap 60, Larson pitted with 29 circuits left and used 13-lap fresher tires to run down Buescher and Truex, taking advantage of the latter's mistake.

"I was thankful (Buescher and Truex) got racing and Martin never got clear and I'd be stuck in third," said Larson, who also won at Sonoma in 2021 and gave Hendrick its series-best eighth win at the twisty track. "I was hoping (Truex) didn't have anyone to judge off (in the apex). I had a big run."

The last lap featured Truex running out of gas and Kyle Busch (12th-place finish) getting turned by Ross Chastain

while racing in the top five. "I finally cleared (Buescher)," said Truex, who ended up 27th. "I made a mistake, and (Larson) was right there to pounce and then obviously ran out of

gas so it didn't matter." Michael McDowell, Buescher, Chase Elliott and Chastain rounded out the final five positions.

To open the second road race of 2024 and 34th all-time at the Napa Valley track, polesitter Joey Logano led before seeing the initial yellow fly for Denny Hamlin after his engine expired, the first of multiple bad incidents for JGR.

After William Byron ran off the course in Turn 1 and came to pit road with tire problems, Ty Gibbs became JGR's third driver to have issues when he smacked the Turn 1 wall on Lap 15 to force the second caution period.

After giving up the lead to pit, Logano restarted 21st and was involved in the third caution on Lap 19 when the spinning car of Chase Briscoe banged into the pole winner's No. 22 Ford and had it hit again by Harrison Burton.

Tyler Reddick beat Ryan Blaney on a restart and crept away from the defending series champion to win the 25lap first stage by 0.451 seconds, his third segment win this season.

A melee occurred in Turn 11 on Lap 36 when Josh Berry blocked Erik Jones. The cars of Truex, Brad Keselowski, Austin Dillon, Byron, Cam Waters and Christopher Bell were involved.

On the restart, last Sunday's winner Austin Cindric, McDowell and Noah Gragson spun off the repaved track at high speed for the seventh yellow.

Buescher, who had pitted earlier, took the lead from Reddick and claimed his second stage win by beating Ryan Preece.



New BetMGM customers can sign today and get a First Bet Offer up to \$1,500 using bonus code **USATSPORTS**. Just download the BetMGM app, deposit at least \$10 and place your first wager on any game. If your first bet loses, you will receive bonus bets in the amount of your bet (up to \$1,500). Just make sure you use bonus code **USATSPORTS** when you sign up. Gambling problem? Call 1-800-GAMBLER (Available in the US). Call 877-8-HOPENY or text HOPENY (467369) (NY). Call 1-800-327-5050 (MA). 21+ only. Please Gamble Responsibly. Call 1-800-NEXT-STEP (AZ), 1-800-BETS-OFF (IA), 1-800-981-0023 (PR). First Bet Offer for new customers only. Subject to eligibility requirements. Rewards are non-withdrawable bonus bets that expire in 7 days. In partnership with Kansas Crossing Casino and Hotel. See BetMGM.com for Terms, US promotional offers not available in North Carolina, New York, Nevada, Ontario, or Puerto

### **ODDS SPONSORED** BY BETMGM.COM

Gannett may earn revenue from sports betting operators for audience referrals to betting services. Sports betting operators have no influence over nor are any such revenues in any dependent on or linked to the newsrooms or news coverage. Terms apply, see operator site for Terms and Conditions. Gambling problem? Call 1-800-GAMBLER CO, DC, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, NJ, OH, PA, TN, VA, WV, WY. Call 877-8-HOPENY or text HOPENY (467369) (NY) Call 1-800-327-5050 (MA). 21+ to wager. Please Gamble Responsibly. Call 1-800-NEXT-STEP 1-800-522-4700 1-800-BETS-OFF (IA), 1-800-270-7117 for confidential help (MI), 1-800-981-0023 (PR). In partnership with Kansas Crossing Casino and Hotel. Visit BetMGM.com for Terms & Conditions. US promotional offers not available in DC, Nevada, New York or Ontario

> All times Eastern MLB

**East Division** 

N.Y. Yankees Baltimore Boston Toronto Tampa Bay	W L 46 21 42 22 33 33 32 33 31 34	Pct .687 .656 .500 .492 .477	GB - 2½ 12½ 13 14
Centra	al Division		
Cleveland Kansas City Minnesota Detroit Chicago	W L 42 22 39 27 34 31 32 33 17 49	Pct .656 .591 .523 .492 .258	6B - 4 8½ 10½ 26
West	Division		
Seattle Texas Houston Oakland L.A. Angels	W L 37 30 31 34 30 36 26 41 25 40	.552 .477 .455 .388 .385	GB - 5 6½ 11 11
Nation	al League		
East	Division		
Philadelphia Atlanta Washington N.Y. Mets Miami	W L 45 20 35 28 30 35 28 36 22 43	.692 .556 .462 .438 .338	GB - 9 15 16½ 23
Centra	al Division		
Milwaukee Cincinnati Chicago St. Louis Pittsburgh	38 27 32 34 32 34 31 33 31 34	.585 .485 .485 .484 .477	6½ 6½ 6½ 7
West	Division		
L.A. Dodgers San Diego San Francisco Arizona Colorado	41 20 34 31 32 34 31 31 23 41	5 .493 4 .485 5 .470 2 .354	6B - 8 8½ 9½ 17
Philadelphia 7, N.Y.		5	
Washington 7, Atla	nta 3		

San Francisco 3, Texas 1 Pittsburgh 4, Minnesota 0 Toronto 7, Oakland 0

Chicago 6 Boston 1 Cincinnati 4, Chicago 3 Milwaukee 5, Detroit 4 Kansas City 8. Seattle 4 Baltimore 5, Tampa Bay 0 Colorado 6, St. Louis 5 Cleveland 8 Miami 0 L.A. Dodgers 11, N.Y. Yankees 3 San Diego 13, Arizona 1 Houston 6, L.A. Angels 1 Sunday's Scores NY Mets 6 Philadelphia 5

Washington 8, Atlanta 5 Minnesota 11, Pittsburgh 5 Detroit 10, Milwaukee 2 Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 2 Cleveland 6, Miami 3 Boston 6, Chicago 4 Seattle 6, Kansas City 5 St. Louis 5, Colorado 1 L.A. Angels 9, Houston 7 Toronto 6, Oakland 4 Arizona 9, San Diego 3 N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Dodgers 4

**Monday's Games** 

Baltimore (Suarez 2-0) at Tampa Bay

(Pepiot 4-2), 6:50 p.m. Colorado (Hudson 2-7) at Minnesota (Paddack 4-2) 7:40 p.m N.Y. Yankees (Rodon 7-2) at Kansas City (Lugo 9-1), 8:10 p.m. Toronto (Berrios 5-4) at Milwaukee (Rea 4-2), 8:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Fedde 4-1) at Seattle (Gilbert 3-3), 9:40 p.m Oakland (Estes 1-1) at San Diego (Cease 5-4), 9:40 p.m. Houston (Arrighetti 3-5) at San Francisco

FINALS

(Best-of-7; x- if necessary) No. 1 Boston Celtics 2, No. 5 Dallas Mayericks 0 Sunday: Celtics 105, Mavericks 98 Wednesday: Celtics at Mavericks. 8:30

(Harrison 4-3), 9:45 p.m.

p.m. Friday: Celtics at Mavericks, 8:30 p.m. x-June 17: Mayericks at Celtics, 8:30 p.m. x-June 20: Celtics at Mavericks, 8:30 p.m. x-June 23: Mavericks at Celtics, 8 p.m.

NHL

STANLEY CUP FINAL (Best-of-7; x- if necessary) Florida Panthers 1, Edmonton Oilers 0

Saturday: Panthers 3, Oilers 0 Monday: Oilers at Panthers, 8 p.m. Thursday: Panthers at Oilers, 8 p.m. June 15: Panthers at Oilers, 8 p.m. x-June 18: Oilers at Panthers, 8 p.m. x-June 21: Panthers at Oilers, 8 p.m. x-June 24: Oilers at Panthers, 8 p.m.

**WNBA** 

GB **Pct** .900 1 2 4 Connecticut -0½ 3½ 5 7 N.Y. Liberty 11 .846 .556 Atlanta .400 .250 .000 Chicago Indiana Washington 4 6 3 9 0 12 .727 .636 .625 .500 .300 Minnesota Seattle Las Vegas

L.A. Sparks Dallas Saturday, June 8 N.Y. Liberty 82, Connecticut 75 Atlanta 89, Chicago 80

Sunday, June 9 N.Y. Liberty 93, Washington 88 Phoenix 97, Dallas 90 (20T) L.A. Sparks 96, Las Vegas 92 Monday, June 10 Indiana at Connecticut, 7 p.m

Tuesday, June 11 Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Minnesota at Las Vegas, 10 p.m. L.A. Sparks at Seattle, 10 p.m

MLS

Conference W L T Pts GF GA Real Salt Lake 9 2 6 9 4 3 33 36 19 30 28 19 Los Angeles FC 8 35 29 28 21 7 37 28 31 25 7 54 25 24 19 6 65 23 21 25 6 64 22 18 18 6 74 22 29 31 Minnesota LA Galax Austin FC Houston Colorado Portland Seattle Saint Louis 5 76 4 76 3 49 3 95 21 32 32 18 20 21 18 23 25 14 26 32 Sporting KC FC Dallas 14 18 25 11 24 39 3 8 5

3 11 2

Saturday, June 8 New England 1, NY Red Bulls 0 Saint Louis 0, Portland 0 Sporting KC 2, Seattle 1

San Jose

**GOLF** 

The Memorial Tourn Sunday Dublin, Ohio Muirfield Village Golf Club Purse: \$20 million Vardage: 7.569: Par: 72

Final Round Scottie Scheffler ....67-68-71-74-280 (-8) ...68-74-68-71–281 (-7) ...66-72-72-74–284 (-4) Collin Morikawa Adam Hadwin.. C. Bezuidenhout .....72-67-74-72-285 (-3) Ludvig Aberg...... Matt Fitzpatrick... 68-72-72-74-286 ( Sepp Straka. .72-70-68-76-286 (-2) 71-70-73-73-287 Tony Finau. .76-71-67-73–287 ( Sungjae Im ......76-71-67-73-287 (-1) Hideki Matsuyama ..73-70-74-70-287 (-1) Xander Schauffele...68-73-71-75-287 (-1) Nick Dunlap. ..70-73-70-75–288 (0) Victor Perez .71-74-68-75-288 (0) Sahith Theegala 73-71-69-75-288 (0) .71-75-71-73-290 (2) Sam Burns Billy Horschel ..69-74-76-71-290 (2) Viktor Hovland ..69-69-77-75–290 (2) Si Woo Kim. Rory McIlroy .70-71-73-76-290 (2) ...68-76-76-71–291 (3) ...69-73-73-76–291 (3) Corey Conners Tommy Fleetwood . Byeong Hun An .. ..71-73-73-75-292 (4) Akshay Bhatia Max Homa..... ..69-72-75-76–292 (4) ..71-73-72-76–292 (4) Alex Noren .70-74-75-73-292 (4) .75-69-72-76-292 (4)

**Emiliano Grillo** 70-78-76-69-293 (5) ..73-71-74-75–293 (5) Russell Henley Seamus Power .69-74-73-77-293 (5) 72-73-76-72-293 (5) Nick Taylor Davis Thompson ..73-73-74-73-293 (5) Jason Day 73-75-69-77-294 (6) .77-69-71-77-294 (6) Brian Harmar Matt Kuchar .75-71-74-74-294 (6) 72-73-74-75-294 (6) Peter Malnati ..74-71-77-72–294 (6) Taylor Pendrith. Justin Thomas ..71-77-74-72-294 (6) 77-71-71-76-295 (7) Austin Eckroat Denny McCarthy . .76-70-73-76-295 (7) Thomas Detry .72-76-71-77-296 (8) Will Zalatoris .74-70-73-79-296 (8) ..70-69-78-80–297 (9) Keegan Bradley ... Tom Kim .70-75-78-74-297 (9) Eric Cole 70-75-74-79-298 (10) .71-73-77-77–298 (10) Lee Hodges Tom Hoge .72-74-77-75-298 (10) Andrew Putnam ..77-71-72-78–298 (10) ..74-73-68-85–300 (12) Shane Lowry.... Cam Davis ..73-72-77-79-301 (13) Cameron Young. ...76-72-76-77-301 (13) Jackson Koivun.....72-76-78-80–306 (18)

**ShopRite LPGA Classic Presented by Acer GALLOWAY, NJ** Seaview, Bay Course Purse: \$1.75 million Yardage: 6,197; Par: 71

**Final Round** Linnea Strom ..69-70-60-199 (-14) Ayaka Furue .67-68-65-200 (-13) Megan Khang ... Atthaya Thitikul 65-69-66-200 (-13) ...69-67-65-201 (-12) Morgane Metraux .....68-68-66-202 (-11) Marina Alex 68-71-64-203 (-10) Na Rin An. Wei-Ling Hsu ..65-69-69-203 (-10) Lauren Coughlin . 69-68-67-204 (-9) ..63-69-72–204 (-9) Jenny Shin. Albane Valenzuela ......65-68-71-204 (-9) Ashleigh Buhai . ..67-72-66-205 (-8) Jodi Ewart Shadoff ....68-68-69–205 (-8) Maria Fassi .68-68-69-205 (-8) Jin Young Ko...............67-69-69-205 (-8) Nanna Koerstz Madsen67-71-67-205 (-8) Stephanie Kyriacou.....65-70-70-205 (-8) Jeongeun Lee6. ..67-68-70–205 (-8) Azahara Munoz . Yue Ren .68-68-69-205 (-8) ...67-70-69–206 (-7) ...67-71-68–206 (-7) Lauren Hartlage Yuna Nishimura. Yealimi Noh .66-69-71-206 (-7) Mao Saigo ...... Hinako Shibuno 67-68-71-206 ( .66-71-69-206 (-7) 61-75-70-206 (-7) Arpichava Yubol. Hannah Green .71-68-68-207 (-6) .69-69-69-207 (-6) Paula Reto Dottie Ardina ..68-70-69-207 (-6) Ssu-Chia Cheng .69-65-73-207 (-6) Alexandra Forsterling.70-69-68–207 (-6) Mina Harigae ..67-72-68-207 (-6) ...66-73-68-207 (-6) ...67-70-70-207 (-6) Brooke Henderson Haeji Kang. MinJi Kano ..69-70-68-207 (-6) Auston Kir .67-69-71-207 (-6) Pornanong Phatlum ...70-68-69–207 (-6) Yu Jin Sung...... Lindsey Weaver ..67-68-72-207 (-6) ..67-69-71-207 (-6) ..67-71-70–208 (-5) Jaravee Boonchant. ..71-67-70–208 (-5) ..66-71-71–208 (-5) Kristen Gillman ..

So Mi Lee 68-68-72-208 (-5) Roberta Liti .72-67-69-208 Kaitlyn Papp .67-72-69-208 67-70-71-208 (-5) .70-68-71–209 (-4) Cydney Clanton. Gianna Clemente .68-70-71-209 (-4) Perrine Delacour 67-70-72-209 (-4) .70-67-72-209 Hyo Joon Jang Jennifer Sono .70-68-71-209 ...69-70-71–210 (-3) ...69-69-72–210 (-3) Ana Pelaez Trivino Isi Gabsa .. Mary Liu. .72-67-71–210 (-3) .67-71-72–210 (-3) .71-67-72–210 (-3) Gaby Lopez ..67-68-75–210 (-3) ..70-69-71–210 (-3) Angela Stanford .69-67-74-210 (-3) Dewi Weber . Muni He. ..69-70-72-211 (-2) ..72-67-72-211 (-2) .67-69-75-211 (-2) Aline Krauter Hira Naveed. Robyn Choi .66-72-75-213 (0) Wichanee Meechai 70-68-75-213 (0) 68-68-78-214 (1) Eun-Hee Ji .70-69-76–215 (2) Hye-Jin Choi

### **TRANSACTIONS**

**Sunday's Transaction** BASEBALL

**Major League Baseball**ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – P Tommy Henry Called Up from Minors. P Logan

Allen Designated for Assignment.
ATLANTA BRAVES – RF Ronald Acuna Jr.
Transferred to 60-Day IL Torn ACL, left
knee – out for season. P Daysbel
Hernandez Sent to Minors. Hurston Waldrep Purchased From Minors CHICAGO WHITE SOX – P Jake Woodford Refused Minor League Assignment - Free Agent, Shane Drohan Designated for

Assignment. Shane Drohan Removed From 60-Day IL Recovery from left shoulder surgery. Shane Drohan Recalled From Minors Rehab. Sammy Peralta Purchased From Minors. P Nick Nastrini Sent to Minors.

CINCINNATI REDS – P Emilio Pagan Placed on 15-Day IL Right lat strain. P Carson Spiers Called Up from Minors. COLORADO ROCKIES – 2B Brendan Rodgers Placed on 10-Day IL Strained left

hamstring. Adael Amador Called Up from DETROIT TIGERS – P Miguel Diaz Signed to

a Minor League Contract. NEW YORK YANKEES — P Ron Marinaccio Called Up from Minors. P Dennis Santana Designated for Assignment

OAKLAND ATHLETICS – P Alex Wood Transferred to 60-Day IL Left rotator cuff tendinitis Michel Otanez Purchased From Minors. P Jack O'Loughlin Sent to Minors. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — SS Tyler Fitzgerald Sent to Minors. P Keaton Winn Removed From 15-Day IL Right forearm

SEATTLE MARINERS – Tyler Locklear Purchased From Minors. P Matt Bowman Purchased From Minors. P Collin Snider Sent to Minors, P Levi Stoudt Designated for Assignment. P Eduardo Salazar Designated for Assignment. 1B Ty France Placed on 10-Day IL Right heel fracture

NCAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

# Florida stuns Clemson in 13th to reach Omaha

J.T. Poston

WIRE REPORTS

Michael Robertson slapped a tworun double in the bottom of the 13th inning to lift Florida to a wild 11-10 win over No. 6 Clemson and a two-game sweep of the Clemson (S.C.) Super Regional on Sunday.

After Cam Cannarella's three-run home run tied the game 9-9 for Clemson in the ninth, Alden Mathes put the Tigers in front with a solo shot in the top of the 13th. Mathes spiked his bat in celebration and received a warning from an umpire, which led to manager Erik Bakich and another Clemson coach to be ejected for arguing with the crew.

Then came Florida's half of the inning. Luke Heyman and Tyler Shelnut singled off Ethan Darden (5-5) and were sacrificed over to third and second. Following an intentional walk to load the bases. Robertson came through on a 1-0 pitch for the Gators (34-28), who will make their second straight trip (and 14th overall trip) to the Men's College World Series.

Jac Caglianone, Brody Donay and Ashton Wilson all hit two-run home runs for Florida. Luke McNeillie (4-6) yielded nothing more than Mathes' homer in 1% innings of relief.

Blake Wright and Jimmy Obertop added homers for Clemson (44-16).

### Tennessee 12, Evansville 1

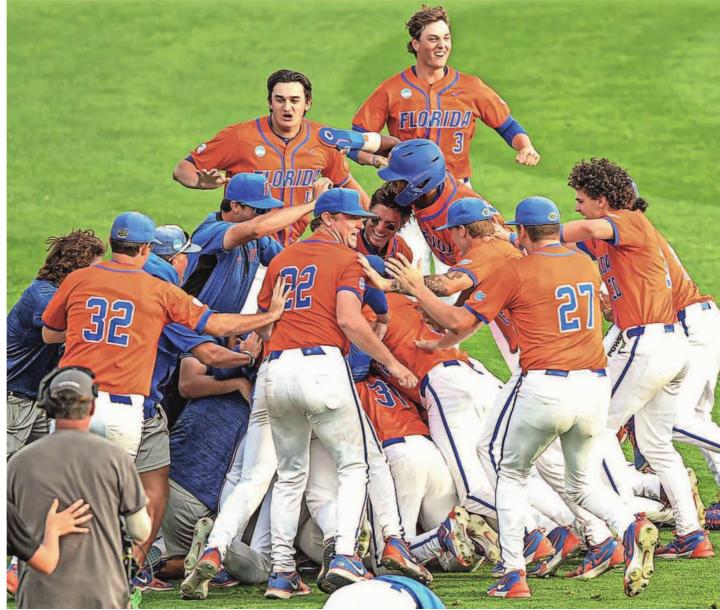
Christian Moore and Dalton Bargo each supplied two of the Volunteers' seven home runs as they bashed their way past the Purple Aces to win the Knoxville Super Regional two games to

Brent Widder drove in a run in the top of the first to give Evansville (39-26) some more reason to hope after it upset the tournament's top-seeded team 10-8 on Saturday. But Moore answered with a solo shot in the bottom half, and the barrage began with four more runs in the second inning.

Dean Curley, Billy Amick and Cal Stark also left the yard for Tennessee (55-12); the team's first five were solo shots before Amick hit a two-run shot and Stark drove in three in the fifth. Starter Zander Sechrist (4-1) scattered six hits and one unearned run while striking out six in 61/3 innings, while Evansville starter Kevin Reed (5-3) was dinged for five runs on four hits in 11/3.

### Georgia 11, **North Carolina State 2**

The host Bulldogs had 15 hits, including four home runs, to turn the tables on the Wolfpack and tie the Athens (Ga.) Super Regional at one game apiece in



The Florida Gators celebrate after sophomore Michael Robertson hit a walk-off double in the bottom of the 13th inning to beat Clemson in the Super Regional at Doug Kingsmore Stadium. KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY SPORTS

the best-of-three series.

After NC State crushed Georgia 18-1 on Saturday, Bulldogs designated hitter Tre Phelps hit a three-run homer to center off Wolfpack starter Dominic Fritton to stake the Bulldogs (43-16) to a 5-0 lead in the third inning. He added an RBI in the fourth when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Fernando Gonzalez went 3-for-5 with a run and an RBI for Georgia. Corey Collins and Slate Alford each added two hits, including a home run, and two RBIs, while Paul Toetz was 2-for-5 with a solo homer.

NC State (37-21) was led by Jacob Cozart, who was 2-for-3 with a home run and an RBI. Brandon Butterworth added two hits.

Georgia right-hander Leighton Finley (6-1) allowed one run on eight hits and two walks in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out five. Fritton (3-6) gave up seven runs

on seven hits and a walk in three-plus innings and took the loss.

### Texas A&M 15, Oregon 9

Oregon blew a four-run lead in the seventh, allowing nine runs on just two hits, as host Texas A&M swept its Super Regional.

The Ducks led 8-4 in the seventh inning, but reliever Brock Moore let the Aggies (49-13, 19-11 SEC) load the bases thanks to two walks and a single to open the inning.

Four more free passes tied the game, with three walks and a hit batter scoring four runs for the home team. After Jaxson Jordan, making his first appearance in nearly a month on the mound, walked another batter to give A&M the lead, the

unthinkable happened. Facing a 2-2 count, Kaeden Kent mashed a grand slam over the outfield fence to give Texas A&M its ninth run of the inning, and a 13-8 lead.

The Aggies added two more runs off a home run in the eighth, and Oregon only scored on one more solo shot.

### **Kentucky 3, Oregon State 2**

Kentucky center fielder Nolan Mc-Carthy capitalized on Oregon State pitcher Nelson Keljo falling asleep at the wheel after a wild pitch in the top of the seventh inning. McCarthy scored from second base for the go-ahead — and NCAA Tournament Super Regionalclinching — run to give the Wildcats a victory in a game that ended after midnight Monday at Kentucky Proud Park. Coupled with its 10-0 win in Game 1, Kentucky (45-14) sealed a sweep of the super regional, moving on to Omaha, Nebraska, where the MCWS begins Fri-